

WILLIAM-SARAH

Fleetwood John, Benjamin/Akers, Schooler, Lodge, Hixon, Jackson, James  
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# Hanks Family

Maryland

William & Sarah Hanks

Excerpts from newspapers and other  
sources

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Wash, Frederick

A. D. Chidsey  
Correspondence

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**A. D. CHIDSEY, JR.**  
ARCHITECT AND ENGINEER  
EASTON, PA.

October 8, 1928

Rev. Louis G. Warren  
Lincoln National Life Insurance Co.  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Sir:

I have been tracing the ancestors of my wife and find that her great great grandmother was Rachel Hanks. I have been unable to trace the ancestors of Rachel Hanks. I have had some correspondence with Mrs Carolyn Hanks Hitchcock and find that she has given her records to you and has suggested that I write to you. I am, therefore, taking this liberty and trust that I may have the pleasure of hearing from you.

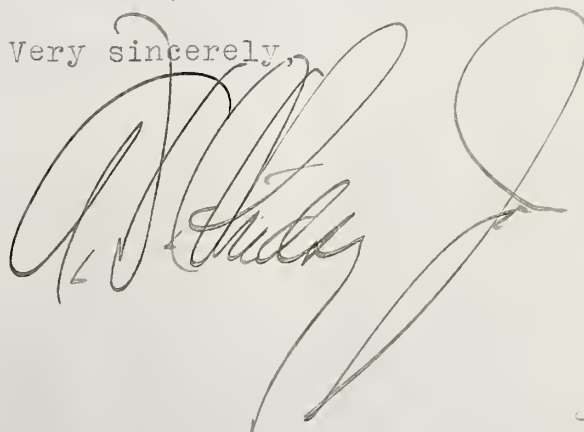
I am inclosing what information I have in regard to the Hankses and trust that you will be able to connect Rachel Hanks and William Hanks with their ancestors. The section of Bedford County, Pennsylvania, was the hunting grounds of the Indians, and white people were not permitted to settle there previous to the revolution. After the revolution, the Indians kept this section pretty well cleared of the white settlers until the year 1782 or 1783. It would, therefore, appear that these Hankses must have settled subsequent to that time.

I should also be glad to learn if you have been able to definitely connect the New England Hanks with the Pennsylvania (Gwynedd) Hanks.

I assure you that any information that you may forward to me will be greatly appreciated. I am,

Very sincerely,

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October 10, 1928

Mr. A. D. Chidsey, Jr.  
Easton, Pa.

My dear Mr. Chidsey:

I am very glad to forward such information as I feel you will need to trace your ancestral line and am especially interested in your researches just at this time.

Mrs. Hitchcock has turned over to me all of her records and I am now contemplating publishing them as soon as possible.

Senator Beveridge's recent book has stirred me on to a new effort as I am positive his deductions about the parentage of Abraham Lincoln and his mother cannot be maintained.

I should appreciate very much any new clues which you may find relative to the County Hanks family. I think you would profit by corresponding with J. Friend Lodge, "Sunset", Bustleton, Pennsylvania. He is a descendant of Susannah, a sister of Rachel, whom you have misspelled Buannah.

I am sure you will receive some valuable information from him.

Respectfully yours,

LAW:VL

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Director,  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation.

A.D. CHIDSEY, JR.  
ARCHITECT AND ENGINEER  
EASTON, PA.

October 13, 1928.

Reverend Louis A. Warren, Director,  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation,  
The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company,  
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

My dear Mr. Warren:

Your kindness in forwarding me the information which I requested in regard to the Hanks is greatly appreciated, and I hasten to thank you.

I have a little additional information in regard to some of the children of William Hanks, but nothing which will in any way help you in your work, other than to fill out the data which you sent me. I am enclosing a copy of the information which you sent me for reference in regard to the following comments:

RACHEL HANKS. I have secured the following from the gravestone of Rachel Hanks: died April 1, 1842, aged 80 years, 2 months, 20 days. *Buried Akersville Pa.*

EPHRAIM AKERS. Husband of Rachel Hanks. Died May 14, 1817, aged 55 years, 11 months, 20 days. Buried at Akersville, Fulton (lately Bedford) County, Pennsylvania.

FLEETWOOD HANKS. This is a rather unusual Christian name. It may have been the family name of his mother Sarah, wife of William Hanks.

JOHN HANKS. I doubt if John Hanks died previous to 1814. The will of William Hanks, Will Book 1, Page 401, Office of Register of Wills, Bedford, Pa., dated July 15, 1814, and probated July 28, 1814, makes a bequest to a son John Hanks, who consequently must have been living at that time.

NANCY HANKS. From gravestone, Akersville, Fulton County, Pa., Died June 17, 1835, aged 65 years, 8 months, 13 days.

ROBERT AKERS. Husband of Nancy, died December 29, 1838, aged 67 years, 3 months, 5 days.

ROSANNAH HANKS. In your letter to me, you refer to this daughter as Susannah. Which is correct?

In your note, under the list of children of William Hanks, you say "We know that Rachel was born in AnneArundle County, Md." etc. Should this not have been Sarah, the wife of William Hanks?

Children of William Hanks and Sarah .....  
 William was born Apr. 27, 1739, died July 24, 1814

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Fleetwood	b. 1762	m. Ruth	
John	b.	m. Abigail	d. previous to 1814
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Note- We know that Rachel was born in AnneArundle County Md.  
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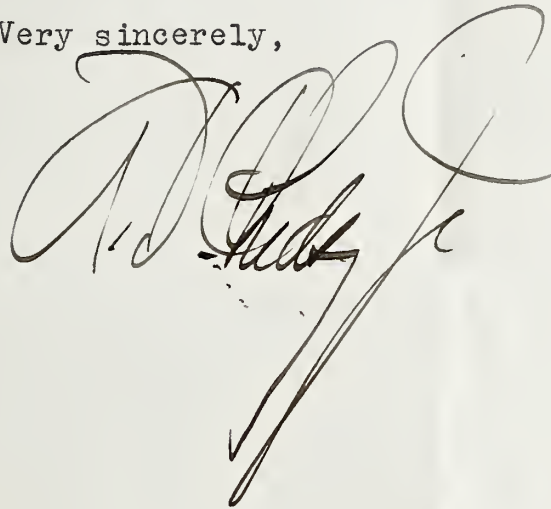
**A. D. CHIDSEY, JR.**  
ARCHITECT AND ENGINEER  
EASTON, PA.

October 13, 1928.

Reverend Louis A. Warren -- 2.

Following your suggestion, I have written to J. Friend Lodge, and hope to get some additional information. If I should secure any additional information in this connection, I will be only too glad to forward it to you.

Very sincerely,

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Enclosure

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**A. D. CHIDSEY, JR.**  
ARCHITECT AND ENGINEER  
EASTON, PA.

October 22, 1928.

Reverend Louis A. Warren, Director,  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation,  
The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company,  
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

My dear Mr. Warren:

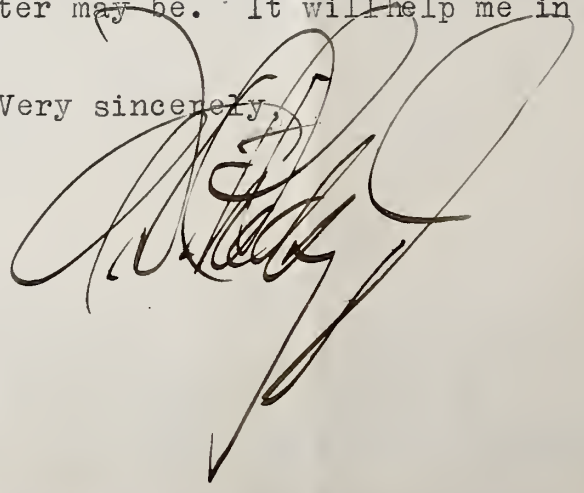
I do not wish to trouble you, but knowing that you are interested in the Hanks family, I am writing to you to pass on what little information I have secured.

In my last letter to you, I suggested that the wife of William Hanks, who moved to Bedford County, might be named Sarah Fleetwood. I understand that this Sarah came from Anne Arundle County, Md. I have been searching a lot of records, and in going over the census of 1790 of the states of Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania, I find only one Fleetwood family, and that was located in Baltimore County, which is the county adjoining Anne Arundle. I am making further investigations, and should I come across any information, I will advise you.

Following your suggestion I wrote to Mr. J. Friend Lodge, and in reply received a letter, a copy of which I am enclosing. This is sent you for your information, as I believe you are under the impression that this Mr. Lodge is descended from the Hanks and may have some Hanks data. This apparently is not the case.

In your last letter to me, you said that you were not sure who were the parents of William Hanks. I rather gathered that you had some ideas on the subject, which however were not definitely proven. I would be pleased to have you advise me just what your thought in this matter may be. It will help me in my work.

Very sincerely,



Enclosure

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October 24, 1928.

Mr. A. D. Chidsey  
239 1/2 Northampton Street  
Easton, Pennsylvania

My dear Mr. Chidsey:

I was very glad to receive your letter with further inquiry about the Hanks family.

You are just the one to work out the Maryland and Pennsylvania contact and I shall be glad to assist you in any way possible. You will find on an attached sheet such information as I have which may lead to further investigations.

Please do not be disturbed by the theories which have been presented in the magazines recently and also in some of our recent biographies.

I am convinced that we do not know as yet just who were the pirates and ancestors of Nancy Hanks, the mother of President Lincoln. My own efforts are now being directed along this line and I hope we may ultimately find the truth of the matter.

Please call upon me for any service you feel I will be able to render in assisting you in the Maryland and Pennsylvania records.

Respectfully yours,

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Director.

LAW:CZ

Lincoln Historical Research Foundation.

Louis A. Warren

A. D. CHIDSEY, JR.  
ARCHITECT AND ENGINEER  
EASTON, PA.

November 1, 1928.

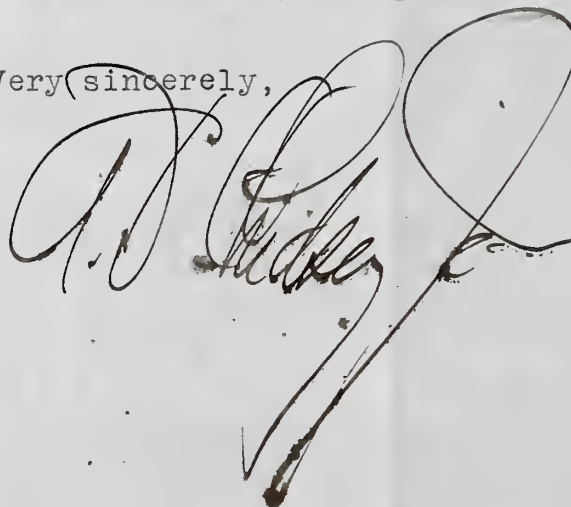
Reverend Louis A. Warren, Director,  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation,  
The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company,  
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

My dear Mr. Warren:

Your recent letter enclosing information in regard to William Hanks, of Bedford County, Pa., has been received, and I wish to thank you very much.

I have been making some further researches, and while I am finding some information, I have not as yet secured anything of great value. However, I am keeping after the matter, and if anything should turn up, I will be only too glad to advise you.

Very sincerely,

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A. D. CHIDSEY, JR.  
ARCHITECT AND ENGINEER  
EASTON, PA.

November 30th 1928

Rev. Louis A. Warren,  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation,  
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

My dear Mr Warren;-

Since mailing my letter of Nov. 28th addressed to you I have read over my copy. It appears that I went to great length to prove that the elder William and William of Bedford Co. Pa. were not one and the same when the obvious fact was in front of me that the Bedford Co. William was born in 1739 and the other William had a warrant issued for a tract of land in 1729.

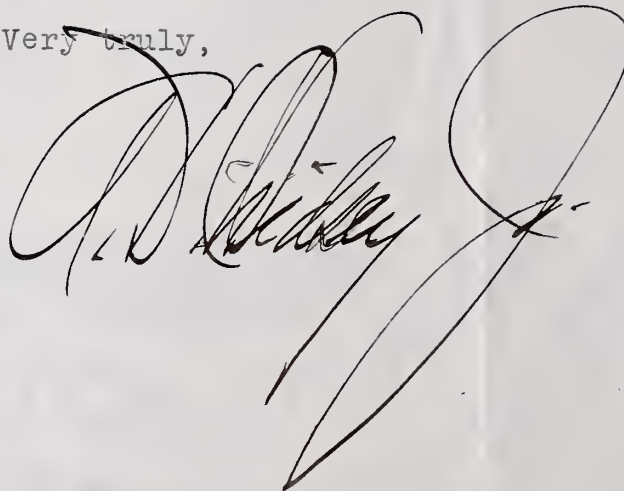
I believe that William Hanks (Sr) sold all his property except the one tract and with his wife Ruth and his son William (Jr) and his family ~~the~~ went to Loudon Co. Va. in 1761. William Hanks (Jr) family must have consisted of himself his wife Sarah and his one daughter Rachel. Ruth the wife of William (Sr) must have died between the years 1761 and 1766, for on the first date she is mentioned in her husbands deed and in a deed executed in 1766 her name does not appear.

In a memorandum which you sent me under date of October 24th 1928, you mention that one authority thinks that William (Jr) was the son/ of John Hanks and his wife Leah Holder or Homler. You also give this couple five children and data in regard to their

A. D. CHIDSEY, JR.  
ARCHITECT AND ENGINEER  
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birth etc. Where did this information come from and how is it proven, not that William was the son of this couple but that this couple existed and had the children mentioned? I could not find any data in regard to a John Hanks. The fact that there was a John Hanks who had a son Fleetwood and another son William as well as a wife named Leah is, if true, a strange coincident when the names of the Bedford Co. William's children are taken into consideration. However the facts as I have proven them fit the conditions of Williams family and meet all the family records and traditions to such a fine degree that the coincident would be still greater if the Bedford Co William was not the son of the Anne Arundel Co. William. I still am not able to absolutely prove this fact.

Very truly,

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December 11, 1938

Mr. A. D. Chidsay, Jr.  
Easton, Pennsylvania

My dear Mr. Chidsay:

I appreciate very much the information you have recently sent me relative to the Hanks family in Maryland.

I feel that you are giving to this research just the scientific approach which will ultimately result in solving this genealogical problem.

I shall send you under separate cover some key-notes which may help you in this effort, and I trust that you may be rewarded with some finding of permanent value.

I have a great mass of Hanks material on hand which I have not as yet been able to systematize but which eventually should serve as a foundation for further study.

I shall be very glad to keep in touch with you and do what I can in supplying such contacts which may be necessary in your quest.

Respectfully yours,

LAW:VL

Director,  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation.

A. D. CHIDSEY, JR.  
ARCHITECT AND ENGINEER  
EASTON, PA.

December 24, 1928.

Reverend Louis A. Warren, Director,  
The Lincoln Historical Research Foundation,  
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Fort Wayne, Indiana.

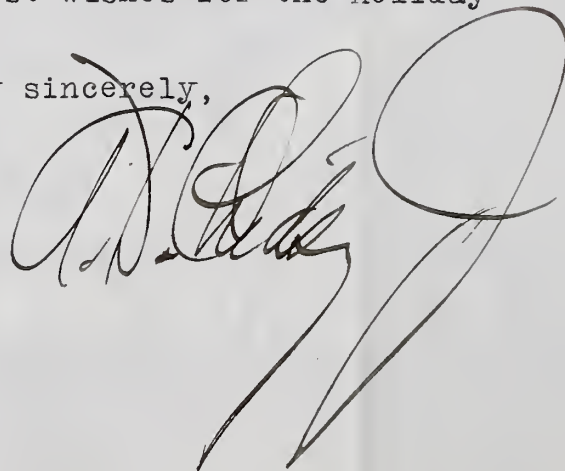
My dear Mr. Warren:

Under date of November the 28th, I wrote you quite a lengthy letter, enclosing certain data and information which I had secured in regard to the branch of the Hanks family which came from Anne Arundel County, Maryland. I also asked a number of questions in this letter.

I have no doubt that you have been very busy, and I am not writing to you with the idea of hurrying you in this matter. The thought occurred to me, however, that possibly this letter had gone astray, and you had not received it. I am therefore writing you to know if such is the case. If you have not received this letter, I will be glad to send you a copy of the same.

Please accept my best wishes for the Holiday Season.

Very sincerely,

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A. D. CHIDSEY, JR.  
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EASTON, PA.

January 7th 1929.

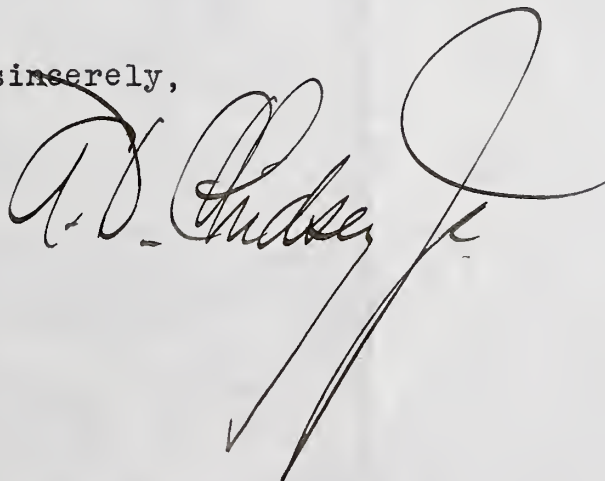
Rev. Louis A. Warren, Director,  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation.  
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

My dear Mr Warren;-

I wish to acknowledge receipt of  
your recent letter and thank you for it.

Looking forward to hearing from  
you after your return from the meeting of the American  
Historical Society and trusting that at that time you  
will have some valuable information to send me , I am,

Very sincerely,

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February 1, 1929

Mr. A. D. Chidsey, Jr.  
Easton, Pennsylvania

My dear Mr. Chidsey:

It has been a long time since I have found it necessary to apologize for not keeping up my correspondence, and I thought I would get to your inquiry long before this.

This is my busy season of the year in preparing articles for papers and magazines, and lecturing continuously around the date of Lincoln's birth has made it necessary for me to lay aside the Hanks genealogical study for a time.

After March 1, however, I should be very glad to co-operate with you again in trying to solve some of the Hanks history.

Please do not feel that my failure to correspond shows any lack of interest in this subject. At the earliest possible moment I will take up the matter with you again and possibly we may get some results from our efforts.

Respectfully yours,

LAW:VL

Director,  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation.

A. D. CHIDSEY, JR.  
ARCHITECT AND ENGINEER  
EASTON, PA.

February 4, 1929.

Reverend Louis A. Warren, Director,  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation,  
Lincoln National Life Insurance Company,  
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

My dear Mr. Warren:

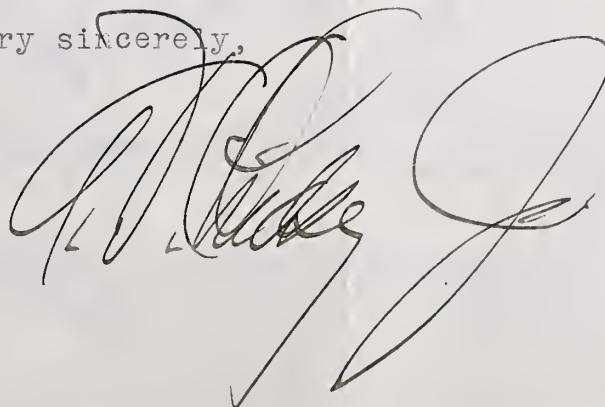
I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February the 1st. I can easily understand how at this particular time of the year especially, that you would be too busy to conduct any investigations into genealogical matters.

Since my last letter to you in December, I have temporarily dropped the Hanks research, hoping that I might eventually secure from you some information which might make my work easier, or at least might prevent some duplication of effort.

Hoping to hear from you after March the 1st,

I am

Very sincerely,

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ADC/NB

March 8, 1929

Mr. A. D. Chidsey, Jr.  
239 1/2 North Hampton St.  
Easton, Pa.

My dear Mr. Chidsey:

I regret very much that my speaking engagements for February, which kept me away from the office most of the time, made it impossible for me to carry on correspondence with you about the Hanks family.

It seems as if I would have more time now and I would be pleased to take up the correspondence where we left it the first of the year.

There is a group of seven or eight of us who are interested in Hanks history and we feel that the only way to finally solve the problem before us is to divide the work so that each one will have some direct family line to follow.

I assume from your interest that you would be glad to take the responsibility of following through the family of which you feel your wife is a member. I am taking the liberty to forward you the first instalment of papers from the Hitchcock collection which I feel brings you directly in contact with the problem.

Please make such copies of these records as you desire and when through with them I shall be glad to furnish other documents which may lead you still deeper into the problem.

As soon as all of our group are at work, we shall try and have a round-table correspondence, trusting that eventually all of these various Hanks lines may converge into an original progenitor.

I should be glad to learn of any information you have which may supplement the records which I am sending you.

Respectfully yours,

Director,

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Lincoln Historical Research Foundation.

A. D. CHIDSEY, JR.  
ARCHITECT AND ENGINEER  
EASTON, PA.

March 11, 1929.

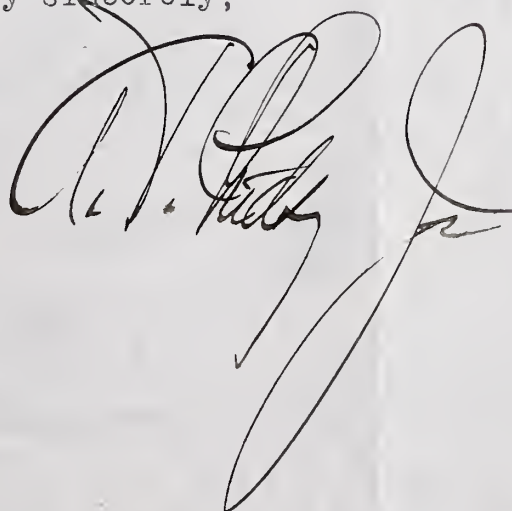
Reverend Louis A. Warren, Director,  
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The Lincoln National Life Insurance Co.,  
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

My dear Mr. Warren:

I have just received the data which you sent me  
in regard to the Hanks Family.

I will go over this promptly and return the same  
to you in the course of a few days, at which time I  
will write you more fully on the subject.

Very sincerely,

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A. D. CHIDSEY, JR.  
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EASTON, PA.

March 15, 1929.

Reverend Louis A. Warren, Director,  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation,  
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Fort Wayne, Indiana.

My dear Mr. Warren:

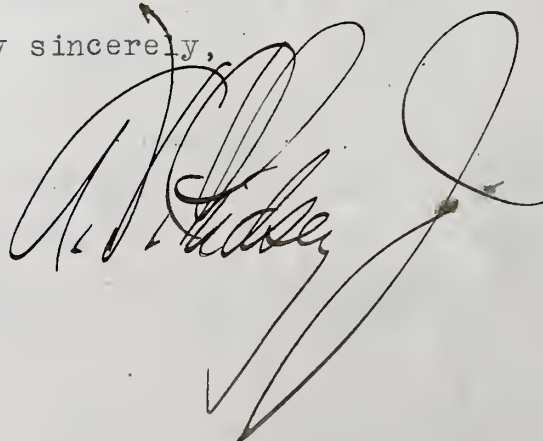
You must know from our correspondence that I am particularly interested in the Hanks Family, especially that branch of which my wife is a member. The problem of straightening out the various branches of this family, and especially the branch of which Abraham Lincoln was a member, has appealed to me greatly. I am quite busy, and of course can not let this work interfere with my business. However, I hope to make some additional researches, especially in regard to my wife's branch of the family, and will be very glad to work in connection with you.

The papers which you sent me were read with a good bit of interest, and I have made some copies of the data which I did not have. The manuscripts helped round out some of my families, but of course did not get back any farther than I have been able to go. However, I feel that they have been of material assistance to me, and I would be very glad to have you send me some additional documents, pertaining to this particular branch of the family.

I have taken good care of the documents which you sent me, and am returning them to you herewith by registered mail.

Some of the information which I have sent you will supplement what you have sent me, and since last writing to you, I have made no further search, as I have been waiting to see what information you had. The information which you sent me has given me some clues for additional investigation, but I will, however, wait until I have secured, with your consent, all of the information you may have on this branch of the family.

Very sincerely,



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Enclosures

*Documents No. 1 to 14 inclusive*

A. D. Ghidseg, Jr.  
Registered Architect  
Easton, Pa,

Children of William Hanks and Sarah .....  
William was born Apr. 27, 1739. died July 24, 1814.

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Fleetwood	b. 1762	m. Ruth <i>moved to Stafford County Virginia (see deed)</i>
John	b.	m. Abigail d. previous to 1814
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Note- We know that Rachel was born in AnneArundle County Md.  
but we do not have as yet the name of her family.

There is a difference of opinion as to who were the  
parents of William, and as soon as we gain any light on the  
subject I will advise you.

Queries with reference to the  
William Hanks  
who died in Bedford County, Va.  
July 24, 1814

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Old Family Bible was in possession of a grandson Jason Hanks from which the following excerpt was taken

William Hanks born April 27, 1739 died July 24, 1814  
Sarah -----his wife born 1734 " May 25, 1804

The names and birth dates of the children you have. It appears that the oldest child Rachel was born in Anne Arundle County, Maryland.

Family tradition says that William Hanks lived near Patapsco River about 14 miles from Baltimore, Md. Sometime after 1761 he moved to Loudon Co. Va. and then to Bedford County, Va. to which location two of his daughters had preceded him.

A further tradition holds that his wife's name was Sarah Ralph and this has been the general supposition but not as yet proven. The same authority seems to think that William Hanks was a son of the following couple

John Hanks born Feb. 2, 1704 married  
Leah Homler (Holdron, Hamlin, Holman) born Feb. 27, 1702

Children - Fleetwood born 1832  
John " 1835  
William " April 27, 1739  
Sariah (Sarah) born 1742  
John Steadman died in infancy.

The authority for this data is questionable although the name Homler appears on the will of William Hanks and one of his children is named Leah

The same informant now long since dead said that John was a son of Benjamin but this is untenable. Some other references which the informant made about the above John and Sarah are also in error.

The Shipley Family and the Hanks Family were associated in Ann Arundle County as early as 1736 and 1750 and I feel this is the place to try and form the contact in marriage between these families. I should be pleased to learn what success you have in this effort.

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March 29, 1929

Mr. A. D. Chidsey  
Easton, Pa.

My dear Mr. Chidsey:

I am sending enclosed another batch of records which you may wish to look over and possibly make some extracts from these copies. Please do not feel that you must hurry this work on my account.

As soon as we have completed a study of the Hanks families we shall want to make some observations on the Shipley families which we find closely connected with the Hankses. I shall be pleased to learn your reactions from these records.

Respectfully yours,

LAW:VL

Director,  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation.

A. D. CHIDSEY, JR.  
ARCHITECT AND ENGINEER  
EASTON, PA.

April 16, 1929.

Reverend Louis A. Warren, Director,  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation,  
The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company,  
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

My dear Mr. Warren:

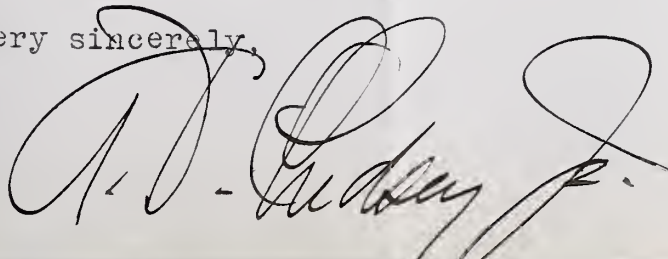
I have today returned to you by registered mail the Hanks records which you last sent to me. I was very glad to receive these, and trust if you have any other information or data in this same branch of the Hanks family, that you will forward the same to me.

You have asked my reaction from the various records which you have sent to me. Practically the only letters containing information were those written by Dr. Lodge and Captain T. F. Hanks. Dr. Lodge's records appear to agree with the records which I have and also with the investigations which I have made. Captain Hanks' statements seem to me to be based on facts and fancies. Some of the information he gives are facts and some I am quite sure are fancies. There are some which I am uncertain just how to place. However, anyone who bases his records on tombstones, the location of which he does not remember, and from what old negroes in Virginia told him, is in my opinion not very reliable. My opinion is that Captain Hanks had some recent records and had heard certain rumors in regard to the Hanks family, and on these built his so-called records. I have found nothing in the statements made by Captain Hanks which have in any way shaken my opinion in regard to the ancestors of William Hanks, of Bedford County. This opinion I sent you some time ago, together with the facts on which it was based. At that time I believe I pointed out the only weakness in the line which I had followed. Since last writing to you, I have been making some additional inquiries and searches, but without results.

I should like very much to find definite information in regard to the parents of William Hanks, of Bedford County; also his brothers and sisters. If I can secure facts in regard to this matter, my record back to Peter Hanks will be complete. It may be that one of the brothers of William Hanks, of Bedford County, was the ancestor of Nancy Hanks, the mother of Lincoln, but I of course have no information in regard to this matter.

Trusting to hear from you soon and to receive any additional records which you may have, I am

Very sincerely,



ADC/NB

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April 18, 1939

Mr. A. D. Chidsey  
Easton, Pennsylvania

My dear Mr. Chidsey:

The records which you forwarded to me came through safely and I shall immediately try and get together some further copies for you to investigate.

Located as you are in the very midst of the early activities of the Hanks family, you should be able to follow through family lines to the original Hanks settler.

I think possibly the records I enclose will help you in this quest.

Most sincerely yours,

LAW:VL  
Enc.

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Director,  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation.

A. D. CHIDSEY, JR.  
ARCHITECT AND ENGINEER  
EASTON, PA.

May 1, 1929.

Reverend Louis A. Warren, Director,  
The Lincoln Historical Research Foundation,  
The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company,  
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

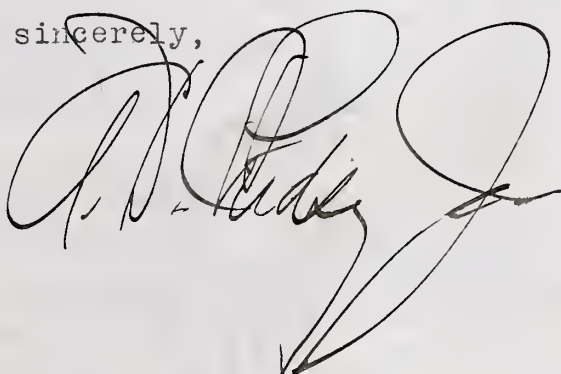
My dear Mr. Warren:

I am returning herewith the data which you recently sent me.

If you have any more data in regard to the Maryland Hanks, I would be very glad to have you send it to me. As soon as I have this branch of the family cleared up, I will be pleased to see what I can do along other branches of the same family. In the meantime, I am trying to secure some additional information from various sources in Maryland.

Thanking you for the papers which you sent me,  
I am

Very sincerely,

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Enclosures

**A. D. CHIDSEY, JR.**

ARCHITECT AND ENGINEER

EASTON, PA.

May 29, 1929.

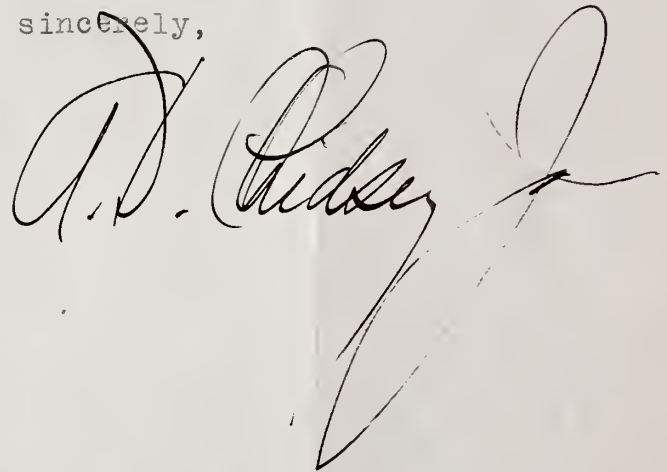
Reverend Louis A. Warren, Director,  
The Lincoln Historical Research Foundation,  
The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company,  
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

My dear Mr. Warren:

In the various papers which you have sent me in connection with the Hanks Genealogy, I have failed to find the Memoir or Obituary Notice, I am not sure which, of Rachel Hanks, the daughter of William Hanks, of Bedford County, Pa. If you have this, or a copy of this in your files, would you be so kind as to let me have it long enough to make a copy?

I am still working on the Maryland Hanks, but have not uncovered anything of particular note. I am now making some searches, and should anything develop, I will write to you fully in the matter.

Very sincerely,

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ADC/NB

June 7, 1929

Mr. A. D. Chidsey, Jr.  
Easton, Pa.

My dear Mr. Chidsey:

I have your letter of inquiry before me, and I regret that I have not been able to answer it before.

I have been unable to find the obituary notice of Rachel Hanks.

I have recently been among the Shipleys in Tennessee and they seem to trace their ancestry back to Maryland.

In your researches on the Hanks family, I think it would be very wise to make such notations as you come across the Shipley family.

There is a Rachel Shipley in whom I am very much interested and also the Shipley family married into the Hanks family.

I believe we are on the verge of some real discoveries relative to Lincoln's ancestry and I think your own researches will do very much to help us determine the maternal line of Abraham Lincoln.

Respectfully yours,

LAW:VL

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Director,  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation.

July 1, 1929

Mr. A. D. Chidsey, Jr.  
Easton, Pennsylvania

My dear Mr. Chidsey:

I regret that I have been unable to find for you the obituary notice of Rachel Hanks. I cannot recall having seen it but as this collection of Hanks manuscripts contain some three or four thousand items, it is not strange if I have overlooked it.

It seems to me that I have sent for your observation all the manuscripts which deal directly with the phase of the Hanks question in which you are interested.

I shall make some further searches for this obituary notice and if I find it I shall be very glad to forward it.

Respectfully yours,

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Director  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

LAW:LH

December 5, 1929

Mr. A. D. Chidsey, Jr.  
Easton, Pennsylvania

My dear Mr. Chidsey:

Owing to the several articles which have appeared in the broadside, Lincoln Lore, published by this Foundation, which touch upon the history of the Hanks family, I thought you might be interested in receiving the broadside from week to week.

There is no charge for it, and it is sent gratis to about 500 Lincoln students each week.

After the first of the year I hope to have some discussions on Hanks genealogy, and if you have been able to learn anything further about the Hanks family from which you are descended, I should be glad of the privilege to use such information you may have.

Respectfully yours,

LAW:VL

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Director,  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation.

A. D. CHIDSEY, JR.

ARCHITECT AND ENGINEER

EASTON, PA.

December 12, 1929.

Reverend Louis A. Warren, Director,  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation,  
The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company,  
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

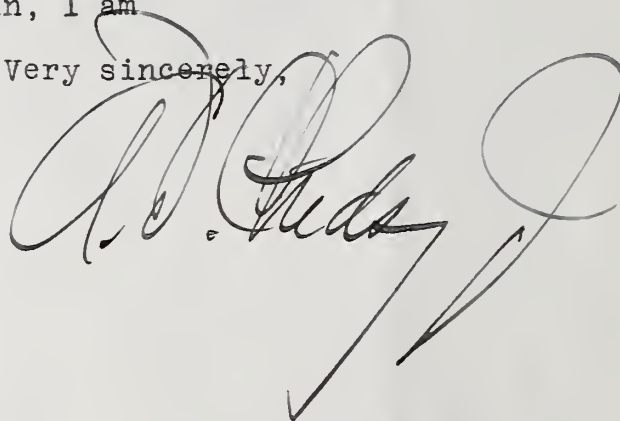
My dear Mr. Warren:

Your letter of December the 5th, together with the copies of Lincoln Lore, have been received. I note that I am to receive this publication as it is printed. I wish to thank you for the back copies and also for the future copies. I know I shall find them very interesting.

Owing to illness in the family, I have been unable to do any work on the Hanks Genealogy, but expect to resume my searches in a very short time.

Thanking you again, I am

Very sincerely,

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ADC/NB

Chidsey, A.D.

REGISTERED ARCHITECT, STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

REGISTERED ENGINEER, STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

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A. D. CHIDSEY, JR.  
ARCHITECT AND ENGINEER  
EASTON, PA.

January 17, 1931.

Dr. Louis A. Warren,  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation,  
Lincoln National Life Insurance Company,  
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

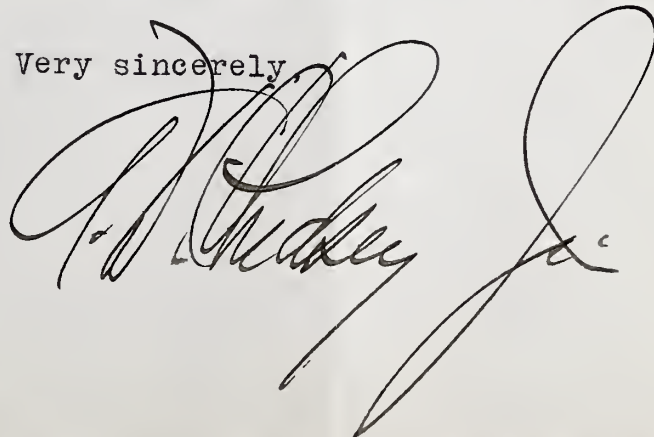
Dear Dr. Warren:

In the last copy of "Lincoln Lore" I notice that the collection of Lincoln material which you have gathered is to be placed in the form of an exhibition or museum. This I think is an excellent idea, and I regret that I am so far away that I will not be able to avail myself of the privilege of inspecting some of this material.

Inasmuch as this museum is to be opened the early part of February, all of the material which you have must be catalogued by this time. I have on several occasions written to you in regard to an obituary notice or memoir of Rachel Hanks, who was born presumably in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, in 1761, and died in Bedford County, Pa., in 1842. In reply to my previous letters on this subject, you have always advised me that the Hitchcock Collection had not been indexed, and that you were unable to locate this particular manuscript. This manuscript was sent to Mrs. Hitchcock by Dr. Lodge. As you know, I am very anxious to see this manuscript, or at the most, have a copy sent to me.

Inasmuch as you have in the past sent me some of the original papers which Mrs. Hitchcock gathered, I trust that you will extend to me the same courtesy in regard to this particular manuscript. I would suggest your registering it, and I assure you that it will be well taken care of and returned to you promptly.

Very sincerely,



ADC/NB

January 21, 1931

Mr. A. D. Chidsey, Jr.  
Easton, Pennsylvania

My dear Mr. Chidsey:

You may feel quite sure that if I locate the Memoir of Rachel Hanks I would be quite willing to forward it to you. I recall that on one or two previous occasions I failed to find and probably it has become misfiled in some of the hundreds of papers. I regret to say that this collection has not been so carefully indexed, however.

I regret the failure to locate this item but will put forth my best efforts to find it and you may feel sure that you will receive it as soon as it is discovered.

Sincerely yours,

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Director  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

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ARCHITECT AND ENGINEER  
EASTON, PA.

June 13th, 1937

Mr. Louis A. Warren, Director,  
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My dear Mr. Warren:-

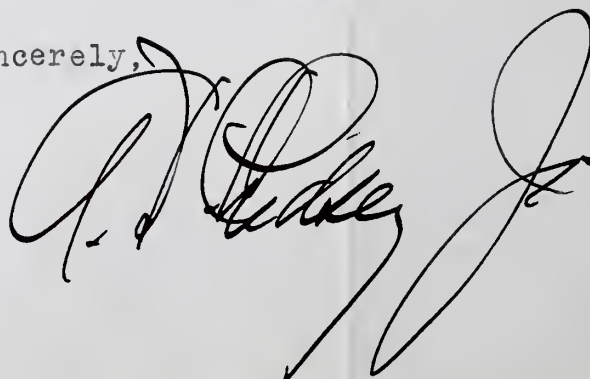
Today I sent you a telegram telling you that it would be impossible for me to speak on the Hanks Family at the old Exter Meeting House on Tuesday, June 22.

It has been quite a few years since I made my investigation into the Hanks family and while I still retain a good general knowledge of the branch in which I was interested it would take some time to refresh my memory and prepare data for even a short paper of ten minutes. Just at present I have not the time to devote to this matter.

The branch of the Hanks family in which I was interested originated in Maryland, migrated to Virginia (Fairfax Co.) and then into Bedford County, Pennsylvania. I was never able to connect them in any way with Lincoln. This in the face of the fact that there were some points which might lead one to believe that they were of the same family group.

I thank you for remembering me and greatly regret my inability to accept your kind invitation.

Very sincerely,

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*This will no doubt be of interest to you.*

Rachel Hanks, b. place unknown, Jan. 11, 1762; lived in Colerain or Providence Township, then Bedford County (now Fulton County): ~~Pa.~~ *Penna.*, d. Apr. 1, 1842; m. Ephraim Akers. They had three children:

Sarah	b. 1788, d. 1846, m. Chas. McLaughlin.
John (?)	b. 1789, d. 1866.
Ephraim,	b. 1797, d. 1863.

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Chas. McLaughlin, b. 1783, d. 1878; m. Sarah Akers. They had:

Cynthia,	b. 1809, d. Nov. 9, 1841, m.-----Barton.
Nancy,	b. 1811, d. Jan. 9, 1851, m. Styles Jackson.
John Lawson,	b. 1813, d. Nov. 9, 1847, m. Sarah -----.
Rachel,	b. 1816, m. Wm. Lysinger.
Teresa G.,	b. 1819, d. Aug. 27, 1849, m. Rev. Geo. Stevenson.
Ephraim Akers,	b. 1821, d. Dec. 23, 1907, m. Lucinda Ann Campbell
Charles J.,	b. 1824, m. Martha Campbell.

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*Bedford. Pa.* Court House Records reveal the following:

A William Hanks, d. 1814, by his will he left property to a grand-daughter, Duannah, a son, John, and a son, Fleetwood, and six daughters, who are not mentioned by name in the will or executors' final report. He names as executors Benjamin Hanks and Ephraim Akers.

Family tradition says that Rachel Hanks had a sister Leah, and that Rachel and Leah were first cousins of Nancy Hanks (mother of Abraham Lincoln).

William Hanks received from the State of Pennsylvania in 1799 a patent for 174 acres of land on Southwest branch of Brush Creek, in Colerain Township, Bedford County (now Fulton County) *Penna.*

Rachel Hanks (Mrs. Ephraim Akers) had a daughter Sarah, and a grand-daughter named Rachel and Nancy (this Nancy b. 2 years after the birth of Abraham Lincoln).

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*from  
A. D. Chicksey Jr.*

A. D. Chidsey, Jr.  
Registered Architect  
Easton, Pa,

Queries with reference to the  
William Hanks  
who died in Bedford County, Va.  
July 24, 1814

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Old Family Bible was in possession of a grandson Jason Hanks from which the following excerpt was taken

William Hanks born April 27, 1739 died July 24, 1814  
Sarah -----his wife born 1734 " May 25, 1804

The names and birth dates of the children you have. It appears that the oldest child Rachel was born in Anne Arundle County, Maryland.

Family tradition says that William Hanks lived near Patapsco River about 14 miles from Baltimore, Md. Sometime after 1761 he moved to Loudon Co. Va. and then to Bedford County, Va. to which location two of his daughters had preceded him.

A further tradition holds that his wife's name was Sarah Ralph and this has been the general supposition but not as yet proven. The same authority seems to think that William Hanks was a son of the following couple

John Hanks born Feb. 2, 1704 married  
Leah ~~Holler~~ (Holdron? Hamlin, Holman) born Feb. 27, 1702

Children - Fleetwood born 1832  
John " 1825  
William " April 27, 1739  
Sariah (Sarah) born 1742  
John Steadman died in infancy.

The authority for this data is questionable although the name ~~Holler~~ appears on the will of William Hanks and one of his children is named Leah

The same informant now long since dead said that John was a son of Benjamin but this is untenable. Some other references which the informant made about the above John and Sarah are also in error.

The Shipley Family and the Hanks Family were associated in Ann Arundle County as early as 1736 and 1750 and I feel this is the place to try and form the contact in marriage between these families. I should be pleased to learn what success you have in this effort.

aB6a Rachel (1761-1842) Akers, Ephraim

Childsey, Emily

Childsey's  
"Rumbling Report"

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A rambling discourse  
on the Hawks Family  
of Maryland

Ad. Wiley Aug - 1930

THE HANKS FAMILY  
OF MARYLAND

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From the records of St. Margaret's Parish, Anne Arundel County, Maryland, we learn that Elizabeth Hanks departed this life the 17th of September, 1702. This is the earliest record which I have been able to find in respect to any one by the name of Hanks living in Maryland.

Who was Elizabeth Hanks? The records of St. Margaret's Parish should be carefully searched for other Hanks' references.

St. Margaret's Church was located        miles north of Annapolis.

When was St. Margaret's Parish Erected?

Middle Neck or St. Ann's Parish was located in Anne Arundel County and was erected prior to or in 1693. St. Ann's Church was located in Annapolis.

The records of St. Ann's Parish show that on August 20th, 1704, Peter Hanks<sup>1</sup> married Mary Beez.

Who was Peter Hanks<sup>1</sup>? Was he a brother or son of Elizabeth before mentioned? Where did Peter come from? Who was Mary Beez? Is the name Beez correct?

St. Ann's Parish records also give the dates of birth of four children of Peter Hanks<sup>1</sup>. They are as follows:

Lydia<sup>2</sup>, b. Sept. 25, 1704

William<sup>2</sup>, b. July 25, 1707

Ellinor,<sup>2</sup> b. July 10, 1709

Peter,<sup>2</sup> b. 1711

All four children were baptized on September 20, 1713. Peter<sup>1</sup> and Mary were married in 1704 and nine years afterward had four children baptized on the same date. Possibly Peter<sup>1</sup> and his family lived some distance from the church and his attendance was irregular and infrequent.

The St. Ann Parish records from which the above was taken were copies on file in Baltimore and not the originals. The originals should be searched for additional data and to check the date of the marriage of Peter<sup>1</sup> and Mary and the date of birth of Lydia?

Peter Hanks<sup>1</sup> had surveyed and laid out for him one hundred acres in Anne Arundel County. This land was located in the Great Fork of the Patuxent River. The date of the warrant was

. The warrant was granted to Peter Hanks by virtue of an assignment from William Chapman and was part of a warrant for 800 acres granted to Chapman November 12th, 1729. Peter Hanks<sup>1</sup> died before a patent was issued to him for this land. (See Patent to Robert Nelson 1734, Liber E. I. No. 1 folio 444 etc. Annapolis, Maryland.

Where did Peter Hanks<sup>1</sup> Live from 1704 to 1729?

Peter Hanks<sup>1</sup> and his family must have lived on or in the vicinity of this tract of land for some time previous to the issue of the warrant. In the description of the property the place of beginning is "near the center between four bounded white oaks standing in the fork of a branch now called Hanks' Branch."

What is Hanks' Branch now (1930) called?

This tract of land which Peter Hanks' was about to acquire was called "Beyond Far Enough."

Exactly where was this tract located?

I am inclined to believe that Peter' and possibly his son William<sup>2</sup> selected this name. The tract was, before Peter had it surveyed, part of a larger tract and consequently was not known by name. William<sup>2</sup>, the son of Peter' secured a tract of land which he called "Far Enough." They must have felt that they were quite a distance away from the center of civilization (Annapolis) at least "far enough" away. If this was true of William's<sup>2</sup> tract, then his father's property being still farther away was certainly "beyond far enough."

On "April ye 3d, 1733" Peter Hanks' wrote his will, or had it written. Peter Hanks' signed the will so we know that he could at least write his name. He may have written the entire will but I doubt it for the following reasons. The will, while short, is drawn up in a legal manner, quite beyond what I imagine Peter' would do. Then the will gives the name of this property (for which he had never received a patent) as "bey and far enough." If Peter' had written the will he would never have written "beyond" as "bey and." If, however, he told someone the name of his property and talked with a brogue, "beyond" could easily have been understood as "bey and."

The will was probated July 24th, 1733 and is recorded at Annapolis in Will Book Liber No. 20, folio 807. So Peter Hanks<sup>1</sup> must have died some time between April 3rd and July 24th in the year 1733.

At the time he wrote his will his wife and his three children "Elinor,"<sup>2</sup> William<sup>2</sup> and Peter<sup>2</sup> were still living. Elinor<sup>3</sup> had married Robert Nelson.

Who was Robert Nelson? Did Elinor Hanks<sup>2</sup> Nelson have any children? When did she and her husband die?

Lydia Hanks<sup>2</sup> who had married John Martin was not mentioned in her Father's will. She had possibly died. In the inventory of Estate of Peter Hanks<sup>1</sup> (Recorded Land Office, Annapolis, Liber No. 18, folio 185) John Martin and Robert Nelson were mentioned as "Reltions." Robert Nelson was given in Peter Hanks<sup>1</sup> will as the husband of Elinor Hanks.<sup>2</sup> John Martin mentioned as a relation was likely the husband of Lydia Hanks.<sup>2</sup> This belief is strengthened by the deed from John Martin to Thomas Worthington dated October 2, 1729 (Annapolis, TI No. 1, Folio 115) in which Lydia, the wife of John Martin is mentioned.

When did Lydia Hanks<sup>2</sup> die? Did she have any children? Who was John Martin?

On March 12, 1738 John Martin sold to William Hanks<sup>2</sup> (his brother-in-law) a tract of land called "White Oak Orchard." This deed recites that "at the same time came the wife of John Martin." The name of the wife is not given and she did not

sign the deed. This wife may have been Lydia Hanks<sup>2</sup> or John may have married the second time.

Was Lydia Hanks<sup>2</sup> living in 1738? Did John Martin marry the second time? Who was his second wife?

Peter Hanks<sup>2</sup> the son died some time between April 3, 1733 and June 17, 1734. He evidently never married. In the patent to Robert Nelson for "Beyond Far Enough" it is stated "before he (Peter Hanks<sup>1</sup> the father) sued out our Grant thereon he dyed and before his death made his last Will and Testment and therein devised the said land to his son Peter Hanks<sup>2</sup> who soon afterward died intestate by which means the said land by heirship became the right of William Hanks<sup>2</sup> the other brother."

From the date of the will and the date of the Patent we know that Peter Hanks<sup>2</sup>, the son, was about 23 years old at the time of his death. From the quotation from Robert Nelson's patent it appears that Peter Hanks<sup>2</sup> the younger never married, at least that he had no male children. If he had male issue the property he possessed would not have reverted to his brother William<sup>2</sup> by 'heirship.'

If Peter Hanks<sup>1</sup>, senior, had three sons then a new line of investigation becomes necessary. Peter Hanks<sup>1</sup>, senior, could easily have had children after September 20, 1713 when his four known children were baptized. However he only mentions three in his will. Any child born after September 20, 1713 would have been a minor at the time he wrote his will (1733). It seems most likely that Peter would have mentioned any minor children in his will, however, he may not have done so.

At this point it is necessary to consider a Thomas Hanks who, according to the records of St. George's and St. John's Parish (Baltimore County) was married to Sarah Hewett on May 9, 1748. This Thomas could have been the son of Peter Hanks<sup>1</sup>, senior or the son of William Hanks<sup>2</sup> and the grandson of Peter Hanks<sup>1</sup>, senior; that is when dates alone are considered. Later I will endeavor to fix the date of marriage of William Hanks<sup>2</sup> which, if correct, will preclude the possibility of Thomas being William's<sup>2</sup> son; of course Thomas may not have been a descendant of Peter Hanks<sup>1</sup>, senior. He could have been a brother of Peter Hanks<sup>1</sup>, senior, and Sarah Hewett may have been his second wife; Thomas and Peter Hanks<sup>1</sup> may not have been related.

More should be found out about this  
Thomas Hanks. Where did he come from?  
Who was he? Did he have any children?

From present known facts it would appear that all of the Hanks' descendants of Peter Hanks<sup>1</sup> were through his son William<sup>2</sup>. Before discussing William<sup>2</sup> a few known facts about Peter<sup>1</sup> might be given. As before stated he could sign his name. He evidently could read and write for the inventory of his Estate lists "a parcell old books" valued at Seven shillings. Not a large library to be sure but at least indicating some ability to read. His inventory totaled a little over 94 pounds and included one woman servant and the following live stock: two steers, three hieifers, three cows, two bulls, four yearlings, one horse, two mares, twenty hogs and four sheep.

If Peter Hanks<sup>1</sup> was twenty years old when he married he would have been born in 1684 and would have been forty-nine years old at the time of his death. He was evidently a member of the Church of England but he was associated with Quakers for Mr. James Brooke who was one of the witnesses to his will was a Quaker.

Mrs. Jennie Schooley Hofmann says that Peter Hanks<sup>1</sup> was born at White Marsh, Berk County, Pa., in 1683. This date seems possible but I know of no authority for it. The place of birth given is geographically mixed.

William Hanks<sup>2</sup>, the son of Peter Hanks<sup>1</sup> and Mary Beez Hanks was born July 25, 1707 and was baptized at St. Ann's Church, Annapolis, Md., September 20, 1713. He was the oldest son. We know nothing further about William<sup>2</sup> until he starts to acquire property.

When William Hanks<sup>2</sup> was twenty-two years old he secured a Warrant for 100 acres of land situated in Anne Arundel County. This Warrant was dated October 11, 1729 (Land Office, Annapolis, Md., Book EL No. 2, Page 99). The patent for this tract of land, called "Farr Enough," was dated June 13, 1734 (Land Office Annapolis, Md., Liber EI No. 2, folio 94). The land is located in "the Great Fork of Patuxent River." In the warrant the starting point is described as being about "forty yards to the northermost branch heading into the North branch or Snowdens River." In the patent the starting point is about "forty yards

to the Northward of a Branch called Howard Branch leading into the North Branch of Snowdens River."

A slight difference in the names of rivers is to be noted. In the patent Howard Branch is introduced. In the Warrant is given "North branch or Snowdens River." In the patent is given "North Branch of Snowdens River." What are Howard Branch and Snowdens River now (1930) called?

William Hanks,<sup>2</sup> together with his brother Peter<sup>2</sup> was named as executor in his father's will, April 3, 1733, about ten months later, or on the 19th of February, 1733, he took an oath as to the truth of an inventory of the Estate of his father, Peter Hanks,<sup>1</sup> (Land Office, Annapolis, Md., Liber No. 18, folio 185).

Note: Old time. Feb. 1733 comes after April, 1733.

Peter Hanks<sup>2</sup> had evidently died for his name does not appear in the inventory. The inventory was approved by Amos Woodward and Phill Hammond, creditors of Peter Hanks.<sup>1</sup> After Peter Hanks<sup>2</sup>, the brother of William<sup>2</sup> died, the tract of land called "Beyond Far Enough," became the property of William. Peter<sup>2</sup> died without writing a will andy by law William<sup>2</sup> inherited this tract. On May 16, 1734 William Hanks<sup>2</sup> assigned this tract to his brother-in-law, Robert Nelson, the husband of Elinor Hanks.<sup>2</sup> (Land Office, Liber EI No. 1 folio 444).

William Hanks<sup>2</sup> was a member of Christ Church, Queen Caroline Parish and the records of this church show that on

July 6, 1736, he was assigned to Pew 18, which he occupied with John Ryan.

Where was Christ Church located?  
When was this Church and Parish estab-  
lished? What was the extent of Queen  
Caroline Parish? Mrs. Rudolph sent me  
the Christ Church notes and her memor-  
andum shows that Queen Caroline Parish  
was located in Anne Arundel County in  
that part which is now in Howard County.  
Howard County formed from Anne Arundel  
County in 1851.

On March 12, 1738, William Hanks<sup>2</sup> and his brother-in-law John Martin, (Lydia Hanks's husband) exchanged properties. John Martin deeded to William Hanks<sup>2</sup> the tract of land called "White Oak Orchard." This tract contained 116 acres and was patented by John Martin on

William Hanks<sup>2</sup> deeded to John Martin his tract of 100 acres called "Farr Enough." Both of these transactions were dated March 12, 1738. No wife of William Hanks<sup>2</sup> is mentioned in his deed to John Martin.

A William Hanks<sup>3</sup>, whom I believe to be  
the son of William Hanks just mentioned  
was born April 27, 1739. (See later on)  
If William Hanks<sup>2</sup> was married just after the  
above transaction he could have had a son  
born April 27, 1739.

On May 5, 1747, William Hanks<sup>2</sup> was elected a Vestryman of Christ Church, Queen Caroline Parish, and on June 2, of the same year he qualified for the office. The records of Christ Church show that he served as a Vestryman from 1747 to 1750. In the Church records he is designated as "Mr. William Hanks". The "Mr." being a mark of some distinction.

In the memorandum sent me by Mrs. Rudolph it is stated that Wm. Hanks' <sup>2</sup> name does not appear after 1750, and that no record of his wife or any children could be found. If Wm. Hanks <sup>2</sup> was married and had any children it seems strange that no records were made of his family, particularly since he was a Vestryman. Perhaps the Baltimore copy of the record of Christ Church is not complete. A further search should be made of the original records if possible. This Church's records seem to me to be most important.

A certain John Alston had patented to him a tract of land called "Poor Man's Beginning." This tract of land contained 100 acres and was located in Anne Arundel County on a draft of Dorsey's Great Branch.

Where is the exact location of this draft? What is Dorsey's Great Branch now (1930) called?

"Poor Man's Beginning" was the poor man's ending for John Alston died intestate and without heirs and the property became escheated to the Province. William Hanks <sup>2</sup> being the first to discover this condition of affairs petitioned to purchase the tract. A warrant was issued to him on Sept. 6, 1744 and on March 18, 1746 a patent was issued to him for "Poor Man's Beginning" (Land Office, Annapolis, Md., Liber TI No. 3, folio 313.)

After 1750 William Hanks' <sup>2</sup> name does not appear on the Christ Church records. He evidently was attending the meetings of the Quakers for in the Minutes of the West River Monthly Meeting of Friends "ye 25 of ye Sixth month 1756 " we find the following entry: "William Hanks for some time

past hath frequented our Meetings and requested that he might be taken under the care and notice of Friends which Request is referred to the next Monthly Meeting at this place and Gerrard Hopkins and James Brooks are appointed to make Inquiry into his conduct and conversation since he came to meeting and make Report to the next Monthly Meeting at this place.

Where was West River Meeting located?  
Is the James Brooks who was appointed to  
investigate William Hanks<sup>2</sup> the same as  
James Brooke the witness to the Will of  
Peter Hanks?

A favorable report was made by the committee at a Monthly Meeting held at West Rive ye 27 day of ye 8th month, 1756. They found William Hanks<sup>2</sup> "to be a man of Orderly life and well inclined to Friends" and recommended that he be taken in as a member of the Society. So William Hanks<sup>2</sup> later a Vestryman in the Church of England became a Quaker, a member of the Society of Friends.

Why is no mention made of the wife of  
William Hanks?<sup>2</sup> I believe (no Proof) that  
he was married as early as 1738. In 1761  
he had a wife named Ruth. Perhaps he was  
a widower in 1756 and married Ruth after  
1756 and before 1761. Do the Quakers take  
into memberships married men without admit-  
ting their wives to membership? Perhaps  
a further search of West River or Herring  
Creek Meeting minutes will throw some  
additional light on this matter. If  
William Hanks<sup>2</sup> married between 1756 and 1761  
it must have been by Quaker methods and a  
record should have been kept.

In 1758 William Hanks<sup>2</sup> secured a patent for 40 acres located in Anne Arundel County, Md. This tract was called Chestnut Ridge (Land Office, Annapolis, Liber BC and GS, No. 7, folio 365).

I should secure a copy of this patent,  
or personally examine the record for  
additional Hanks' data.

The Quakers were fast moving into the South via Virginia. They were coming from New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland. William Hanks<sup>2</sup> joined the movement and moved from Maryland to Virginia locating in Loudoun County. He had acquired several tracts of land totaling over 300 acres. These tracts were:

*Poor Man's Beginning*  
~~"Far Enough"~~ 100 acres

"White Oak Orchard" 116 acres

"Chestnut Ridge" 40 acres

"Howard's Chance" 65 acres

I should get a copy of the deed from  
Cornelius Howard to William Hanks<sup>2</sup> for  
65 acres called "Howard's Chance."  
Mr. Arthur Trader says that Chestnut  
Ridge and "Poor Man's Beginning were  
located in Anne Arundel County, now  
Howard County.

On August 21st, 1761 William Hanks<sup>2</sup> "of Anne Arundel County, Planter", sold the four tracts above mentioned to "Joseph Howard, son of Corneluis of Baltimore County Planter." The total being 321 acres. The consideration mentioned being "two hundred and twenty pounds Sterling money of Great Britain." William Hanks<sup>2</sup> signed the deed and on the same day "Ruth the wife of the said Hanks" gave her consent to the transaction. (County Court, Clerk's Office, Annapolis, Md., Liber BE No. 2, folio 510).

We thus learn that William Hanks<sup>2</sup> was  
married in 1761 and that his wife's  
name was Ruth. What was her last name?

It was likely in the fall of 1761 that William Hanks<sup>1</sup> moved to Loudoun county, Va., and the selling of all his property was evidently the first step.

On the 29th of the seventh month, 1763, at a Monthly Meeting held at Herring Creek, Md., William Hanks<sup>2</sup> requested "by a friend" a certificate to join him to the Monthly Meeting where he resided.

Where was Herring Creek Monthly Meeting located? I can find West River and Herring Bay on the Maps. I also find a town called West River. I can not find Herring Creek. Monthly Meetings were held alternately at West River and Herring Creek. If William Hanks<sup>2</sup> lived on his property he must have lived in what is now Howard County. The nearest part of Howard County is 22 miles from the town of West River and 28 miles from Herring Bay. One of the creeks emptying into Herring Bay may have been called Herring Creek. The town of West River is 29 miles south of Baltimore and 10 miles southwest of Annapolis. All the above distances are in straight lines. 22 to 28 miles is today a long distance to go to attend church---what was it 175 years ago?

We learn that William Hanks<sup>2</sup> in 1763 lived in Loudoun County, Virginia, near Waterford, from the minutes of the Monthly Meeting held at West River on the 8th month, 26th day, 1763. The following is taken from the minutes:-- "Those friends that were appointed to produce Certificates for Willaim Hank and Sarah Webster produced them to this meeting, the former directed to friends at Fairfax in the Colony of Virginia, and the latter for Sarah Webster to the Monthly Meeting of friends at Deer Creek, which were read, approved, signed and Bazil Brooke is directed to forward the same."

Fairfax Monthly Meeting was located  
at Waterford, Loudoun County, Va.

The 27th day of the 10th month, 1764 William Hanks<sup>2</sup> produced his certificate from West River at the Monthly Meeting of Fairfax. The certificate was read and received.

This is the last records of William  
Hanks<sup>2</sup> in any of the Quaker Monthly  
Meetings of which I have any know-  
ledge. Are there any other references  
to him?

We have stated that Robert Nelson, the husband of Elinor Hanks<sup>2</sup> secured by Patent, the 100-acre tract called "Beyond Far Enough" located in Anne Arundel County, Md., Thirty-two years after he purchased this tract he sold it to Samuel Musgrove. The date of the deed is August, 8th, 1766, and it includes another parcel of 50 acres called "Sapling Ridge" (Annapolis, Liber BB 3, folio 594.)

It is interesting to note that Elizabeth,  
the wife of Robert Nelson, relinquishes  
here dower right in the property. Elinor  
Hanks<sup>2</sup> must have died and Robert married  
Elizabeth as his second wife.

On the third day of November, 1766, just a little less than three months after Samuel Musgrove purchased "Beyond Far Enough", Samuel Musgrove and William Hanks<sup>2</sup> sell this tract to Philemon Dorsey. The first paragraph of the deed follows:-- "This Indenture made this third day of November Anno Domini, Seventeen hundred and sixty six, between William Hanks of Lowden County and Province of Virginia and Samuel Musgrove of Anne Arundel County and Province of Maryland of the one part and Philemon

Dorsey of Anne Arundel County and Province of Maryland Gent. of the other part."

William Hanks<sup>2</sup> inherited from his brother "Beyond Far Enough," this was in 1733 or 1734. On May 16, 1734 he sold his rights to Robert Nelson who retained possession until he sold it to Samuel Musgrove in 1766/

How did William Hanks<sup>2</sup> again acquire an interest in this property? He must have had an interest or he would not have joined in the deed to Dorsey. Why would William Hanks<sup>2</sup> of Loudoun Co., Va., wish a partial interest in this tract of land located in Maryland? His interest must have been of a technical or legal nature. If we knew this we might get some additional data of interest.

William Hanks<sup>2</sup>' name appears on the tithes list of Loudoun County, Va., in 1764 to 1769.

I have searched the records at Leesburg, Loudoun County, Va., for records which might show where William Hanks<sup>2</sup> lived but found nothing. Perhaps he leased his land. I also searched the graveyards at Goose Creek and Fairfax Monthly Meeting for Hanks data, but without success.

The foregoing is all I know of the Maryland Hanks. I have some evidence that William Hanks<sup>2</sup> had at least one son and through this son a very large number of descendents. I am quite sure that this is true but I have no absolute proof. What I have I will now give.

WILLIAM HANKS  
of  
BEDFORD COUNTY, PA.

In Will Book No. 1, page 401, at Bedford, Pa. we find the will of a William Hanks,<sup>3</sup> dated July 15, 1814, and probated July 28, 1814. So we have within a few days the date of the death of this William.<sup>3</sup> From an Old Family Bible which was at one time in the possession of Jason Hanks,<sup>5</sup> a grandson, it was recorded that William Hanks<sup>3</sup> was born April 27, 1739, and died July 24, 1814.

I have never seen this Bible. Dr. Lewis  
A. Warren is my authority for the Bible  
record. I thought I had located this  
Bible and made a trip in August, 1929, to  
Emmaville in Fulton (lat Bedford) County,  
Pa., just to see it. The Bible turned  
out to be the Bible of William,<sup>5</sup> the grand-  
son of William Hanks<sup>3</sup> (1739-1814). The  
dates given above seem to agree with such  
other data as I have in regard to this  
William Hanks.<sup>3</sup> For sake of indentifica-  
tion I will call this William of the  
third generation.

This Bible also gives the following dates in regard to William's<sup>3</sup> wife Sarah --- born 1734, died May 25, 1804. Both William Hanks<sup>3</sup> and his wife Sarah are said to be buried on his plantation near Emmaville, Fulton County, Pa.

On August 11, 1929, I visited the farm  
which was the "plantation" of William  
Hanks<sup>3</sup> and found a family burying plot.  
Two graves with very old stones, not  
lettered, were found with are said to  
be the graves of William<sup>3</sup> and Sarah  
Hanks. Beside these graves are the  
graves of William's<sup>3</sup> son Benjamin<sup>4</sup> and  
Benjamin's<sup>4</sup> wife, Rebecca. These two  
graves are marked with lettered marble  
head and foot stone. There is no doubt  
that this was a Hanks' family burying  
plot and the two old graves are most  
likely the graves of William<sup>3</sup> and Sarah  
Hanks.

I have been unable to learn the last name of Sarah, the wife of William.<sup>3</sup> A number of names have been suggested as possibilities, but they seem to be guesses, and one man's guess is as good as another. None of the names advanced have, to my knowledge, any supporting evidence so I will not mention them.

My guess is that William's<sup>3</sup> wife's maiden name was Sarah Fleetwood. This guess (and that's all it is) is unique, as no one else seems to have guessed this name. Genealogical guesses are poor material to build on, but, unfortunately are often used as a foundation. My guess is good enough, in my opinion, to warrant a search, to either prove or disprove it. Sarah Hanks named one of her sons Fleetwood. I have never heard of this name used except as a surname. It is a most unusual name. I surmise that Sarah used this, a family name, for her son, and what family would she be more likely to select than her own? In addition to this there was a family of Fleetwoods in Baltimore County, Md., which County joins Anne Arundel and I shall try to show that William Hanks<sup>3</sup> and Sarah lived at one time in Anne Arundel County, Md.

William Hanks<sup>3</sup> in his will mentions his sons Benjamin,<sup>4</sup> John<sup>4</sup> and Fleetwood.<sup>4</sup> He also mentions six daughters but not by name. His son Benjamin<sup>4</sup> and Ephraim Akers are named Executors.

Ephraim Akers was his son-in-law having married his daughter Rachel.

I will give such information as I have in regard to the children of William Hanks<sup>3</sup> and his wife Sarah.

Rachel Hanks,<sup>4</sup> b. Dec. 11, 1761, d. Apr. 11, 1842.  
m. Oct. 1784, Ephraim Akers.

Fleetwood Hanks,<sup>4</sup> m. Ruth -----.

John Hanks,<sup>4</sup> d. 1805,  
m. Abigail -----.

Nancy Hanks,<sup>4</sup> b. Oct. 4, 1770, d. June 17, 1835.  
m. Nicholas Schooley, (1)  
m. Dec. 24, 1799, Robert Akers, (2)

Rosannah Hanks,<sup>4</sup> b. Oct. 4, 1770, d. July 28, 1839,  
m. Jacob Lodge.

Leah Hanks,<sup>4</sup> b. June 23, 1772, d. Sept. 4, 1854,  
m. Mar. 20, 1797, Timothy Hixson.

Mary Hanks,<sup>4</sup> m. Samuel Jackson.

Benjamin Hanks,<sup>4</sup> b. June 14, 1779, d. Oct. 28, 1822,  
m. Dec. 1803, Rebecca Barton.

Sarah Hanks,<sup>4</sup> b. Oct. 12, 1781,  
m. James James.

Dr. W. J. Lodge who lived at 2019 McCulloh Street, Baltimore, Maryland, corresponded with Mrs. Caroline Hanks Hitchcock and I had the pleasure of going over Dr. Lodge's letters.

Dr. Lodge was a descendant of Wm. Hanks<sup>3</sup>  
of Bedford County. He died in 1905.

These letters are now in the possession of Dr. Louis A. Warren of Fort Wayne, Indiana. In reading over this correspondence I was impressed with the reliability of Dr. Lodge and think it well to give some extracts from his letters.

Oct. 6th, 1896:-- "both of my Grandmothers were Hanks, twin daughters of William Hanks, who came from Virginia to Pennsylvania about the beginning of the century. -----  
----- I have my doubts as to Lincoln's being connect with my branch."

Oct. 10th, 1896:-- "Wm. Hanks, my ancestor, lived near the Patapsco River in Md., about 14 miles from Baltimore in Dec. 21, 1761. His daughter Rachel having been born there. From there he moved to Loudoun County, Va., and subsequently to Brush Creek Valley, Bedford County, Pa., where his remains rest."

Oct. 15, 1896:-- "My William Hanks had a wife Sarah. I copied the old record from his Bible then in the possession of

his grandson Jason, but what her maiden name was, I have not the slightest idea. The old Bible record was much damaged and some of it entirely gone. ----- I enclose the memoir of Rachel Akers. It is written in the quaint style of a Methodist preacher of that time."

This memoir should be in the possession of Dr. L. A. Warren, but he advised me that he could not find it, not that he did not have it, but that he could not locate it. As this is quite a valuable paper I do hope that he will find it and either send me a copy or allow me to see the original. It seems to be the only document which would tend to locate Rachel<sup>4</sup> and her father William<sup>3</sup> in Anne Arundel County, Maryland.

June 22, 1897:-- "I got the William Record direct from William's Son's Bible now in possession of his grandson Jason -- ----- I copied it some years ago. ----- There was no maiden name given, simply Sarah. ----- I think with you that William went from here (Md.) to Virginia, as his daughter's obituary I sent you states she was born at Patapsco."

Nov. 24, 1898:-- "I do know that Rachel Hanks was born in Anne Arundel County, Md., near the Patapsco River, and that her family went from there to Loudoun County, Virginia, and in 1786 emigrated to Bedford County, Pa. All that we know, and furthermore that Rachel's father's name was William."

The evidence in the above is the fact that a family Bible existed some thirty years ago, and that an obituary or memoir of Rachel<sup>4</sup> the daughter of William<sup>3</sup>, written at the time of her death gives her place of birth as Anne Arundel County, Md. All this if we can believe Dr. Lodge. I shall again make an effort to secure the obituary notice.

Dr. Lodge's letters state that William Hanks<sup>3</sup> who died in Bedford County, Pa., lived in Anne Arundel County, Md., at the time of the birth of his first child (1761) and that he moved from there to Loudoun County, Virginia. I have some further evidence showing that William Hanks<sup>3</sup> lived in Loudoun County, Va.

Rachel Hanks<sup>4</sup>, daughter of William Hanks, married Ephraim Akers, Oct., 1784. The Marriage took place, I believe, in Loudoun County, Virginia.

Dr. W. J. Lodge is authority for the date of marriage.

The name of Akers is spelled in various ways; Acres, Eakers, Ekers, ect. The Pennsylvania Archives gives the following in regard to Ephraim Akers. He must have been located in Bedford County as early as 1781 for his name appears as being in the eighth class of the classes of Capt. George Enslos Company July 12, 1781.

5th Series, Vol. 5, page 93.

In 1783 he is taxed 1. 18. 10 for 100 acres, 2 horses, 1 cattle and 4 sheep.

3rd Series, Vol. 22, page 39.

In 1784 he is listed as a "Single Freeman" and as owning no land.

3rd Series, Vol. 22, page 318. In 1783 he is taxed for 100 acres and in 1784 is listed as owning no land. I have found no records, other than the above, which show he owned land this early.

Ephraim Eakers (Akers) is listed as a soldier of the Revolution, Continental Line, and entitled to Depreciation Pay.

5th Series, Vol. IV, page 237 and -----

Jan. 27, 1789. Ephraim Ekers (Akers) of Providence Township, Bedford County, Pa., is listed as subject for military duty.

6th Series, Vol. 3, pages 30 and 31.

A warrant for 100 acres in Bedford County was granted to Ephraim Akers on April 8, 1790 and the 23rd of October, 1792, a patent was granted him for this tract located in Providence Township and called "Akersburg." On October 12, 1795, another warrant was granted him and in pursuance of this warrant, on April 8, 1797, a patent was issued to him for 112 acres and 12 perches located in Providence Township and called "York."

Why was this tract of land called "York?"  
Had he previously lived in York? Had he  
ever lived in Virginia?

Ephraim Akers and his wife Rachel Hanks<sup>4</sup> Akers are buried in the cemetery at Akersville, Fulton (late Bedford) County, Pa., and I copied from their gravestone the following.

Ephraim Akers -- died May 14, 1817, aged 55 yrs., 11 mo. 20 days.  
 Rachel Akers, wife of Ephraim Akers, -- died April 1, 1842,  
 aged 80 years, 2 mo., 20 days.

I calculate the date of birth of Rachel<sup>4</sup>  
Hanks as Jan. 11, 1762, which does not  
quite agree with Dr. Lodge, who gives  
Dec. 11, 1761. The date of Birth of  
Ephraim Akers I calculate as June 20, 1761.

Ephraim Akers was the son of Ralph and Hannah Akers of Bedford County.

See will of Ralph Akers filed at Bedford,  
Pa., in Will book No. 1, page 488.

Rachel Hanks<sup>4</sup> Akers had eight children. The oldest child was born October 14, 1785, and the youngest one of whom I have a record was born December 4, 1797. There were four children whose birth dates I do not have. I have the record of one child born in 1788 and one in 1789.

These dates are of importance on account of the record of another Rachel Hanks the account of whom follows.

In Loudoun County, Virginia, in the vicinity of Waterford there lived a Rachel Hanks who has always, so far as I can learn, been confused with and thought to have been the same as Rachel, the daughter of William Hanks of Bedford County, Pa.

The Friends Fairfax Monthly Meeting held 5th mo., 25th day, 1782, reports that Rachel Hanks wishes to join in membership with them and the minutes of the meeting held on the 6th mo. 22nd day, 1782, show that the committee appointed to investigate reported that there was no objection to her being received as a member.

From the above there is no indication that this Rachel was not the daughter of William Hanks.<sup>3</sup>

At the same Monthly Meeting held on the 2nd mo. 25th day, 1792, a complaint was filed against Rachel Wilkinson (formerly Hanks) for "outgoing in marriage with a man not a membership with us and with whom she had lived in a disreputable manner for a considerable time before their marriage."

There are several memorandum on the minutes of the Fairfax Monthly Meeting in regard to this matter, but in the meeting held 5 mo. 26 day, 1792, is the following: "The testimony

against Rachel Wilkinson on having been published is now returned." Thus Rachel Hanks was dropped from membership.

During the ten years, from 1782 to 1792, Rachel Hanks was a member of Fairfax Monthly Meeting; had married a man by the name of Wilkinson and had been severely criticized for her conduct and dropped from member ship. During this time Rachel Hanks,<sup>4</sup> the daughter of William Hanks,<sup>3</sup> had married (1784) Ephraim Akers, had moved to Bedford County, Pa., and was bearing children -- 1785, 1788, 1789, 1797, etc.

Rachel Hanks, according to the Fairfax Monthly Meeting records married a man by the name of Wilkinson. I find the will of a Joseph Wilkinson in which he mentions his wife Rachel and his children Joseph, Jessae, and grandson Hirom Hogue. The will is dated March 25th, 1795, and probated April 14, 1800.

This will is filed at Leesburg, Virginia, My certified copy does not give the book or page in which it is filed.

Joseph Wilkinson had been married before, as Rachel had not been married long enough at the time the will was written (in 1795) to have had grandchildren. In addition I find in the Fairfax Monthly Meeting the record of two of Joseph Wilkinson's children. These records are as follows: 5th mo. 2nd, day, 1775, Sarah Wilkinson, Dau. of Joseph and Barbary Wilkinson, m. Francis Hogue.

Joseph Wilkinson in his will mentions a grandson Hirom Hogue.

11th mo. 26th day, 1788, Joseph Wilkinson, son of Joseph and Barbary Wilkinson, of Loudoun County m. Elizabeth Gregg, dau. of Wm. and Rebeckah Gregg of the same place.

From these two marriage records we learn that the Joseph

Wilkinson who had a grandson named Hague had a wife Barbary who was the mother of at least two of his children and from his will we learn that he had a wife named Rachel. He must have married twice.

If Joseph Wilkinson was 20 years old at the time of his marriage and his daughter Sarah was 17 years old at the time of her marriage, we can figure that Joseph was born not later than 1736 and this would have made him a contemporary of William Hanks<sup>3</sup>, who was born in 1739. Unless Rachel was 25 years younger than Joseph she would have been too old to have been the daughter of William Hanks<sup>3</sup> of Bedford, Pa.

At any rate Rachel<sup>4</sup>, the daughter of Wm. Hanks<sup>3</sup> was living in Bedford County, Pa., with her family and could not have been living in Loudoun County.

In Joseph Wilkinson's will he provides for his wife Rachel and also says that she "shall have all the household furniture of every kind as she brought with her likewise as many sheep as she brought with her."

One Rachel could not have been the wife of Joseph Wilkinson and lived in Loudoun County, Va., and at the same time been the wife of Ephraim Akers and lived in Bedford County, Pa.

There must have been two Rachel Hanks who lived in Loudoun County, Va., previous to 1784 when Rachel<sup>4</sup>, the daughter of William<sup>3</sup> married Ephraim Akers and moved to Pennsylvania.

Who was the Rachel Hanks who married a Wilkinson? She might have been a sister of William Hanks<sup>3</sup>, her age could have been such as to make this possible. Could she have been a widow at the time she was taken into membership with the Friends? I doubt this.

Fleetwood Hanks<sup>4</sup> was the son of William Hanks<sup>3</sup>. His father mentions him in his will, as he bequeaths him ten dollars. William had possibly provided for Fleetwood before he wrote his will, likely when he married. Fleetwood Hanks<sup>4</sup> married Ruth --- ----- . I doubt if Fleetwood Hanks<sup>4</sup> ever lived in Pennsylvania. He did live in Bedford County, Virginia, where he bought 130 acres of land in 1797 and sold them in 1802.

D. B. No. J Page 328 and  
D. B. No. K Page 592.  
Mrs. Caroline Hanks Hitchcock is authority for the names of Fleetwood's  
children, which follow.

The children of Fleetwood<sup>4</sup> and Ruth Hanks were William<sup>5</sup>, James<sup>5</sup>, Fleetwood<sup>5</sup>, Nancy<sup>5</sup>, Mary Lavinia<sup>5</sup>, Millinder<sup>5</sup> and John<sup>5</sup>. The name Fleetwood is interesting. Why was this son of William<sup>3</sup> and Sarah Hanks called Fleetwood? If William's wife's maiden name was Sarah Fleetwood, what would be more natural than to call her first (?) son Fleetwood?

William Hanks<sup>3</sup> was born 1739 and I  
believe lived in Anne Arundel County, Md.  
Sarah, his wife, was born 1734. There  
were Fleetwoods living in Baltimore and  
Harford County, Md. -- A Benjamin Fleet-  
wood born in 1741. These counties were  
very close to Anne Arundel. Sarah might  
have been a sister of this Benjamin for  
did she not name one of her sons Benjamin?  
Sarah's daughter Mary, who married Samuel  
Jackson, named one of her children Fleet-  
wood. Did Mary name this son for her  
brother or for her Mother?

William Hanks<sup>3</sup> had a son named John<sup>4</sup>, whom he mentions in his will, when he leaves one dollar to John's heirs. As William<sup>3</sup> and his other children lived in Loudoun County, Virginia, we are safe in assuming that John<sup>4</sup> also lived in Loudoun County, Virginia, and as I find a John Hanks located there associating

with the same people as the other children of William Hanks.<sup>3</sup> I believe, until evidence to the contrary is produced, we can assume this John Hanks<sup>4</sup> to be the son of William Hanks.<sup>3</sup> We find John Hanks<sup>4</sup> attending a sale of the Estate of William Jackson on November 3, 1794 in company with Samuel Jackson, the husband of Mary Hanks.<sup>4</sup>

Court House, Leesburg, Loudoun County,  
Virginia, Will Book E, Page 107.

At this sale John Hanks<sup>4</sup> purchased one saddle, six pewter plates, one stone jugg and three hogs. John Hanks<sup>4</sup> married Abigal ----- . As the inventory of the estate of John Hanks<sup>4</sup> was taken in 1805, he must have died prior to or during 1805. The inventory of the estate of John Hanks<sup>4</sup> was recorded in 1809 and the estate account filed August 8, 1814. The inventory totaled \$1,229.08 and included six horses and colts, eight cattle, three hogs and 12 sheep.

Leesburg, Virginia. Will Book L, Page 2.

The children of John<sup>4</sup> and Abigail Hanks were Jeremiah,<sup>5</sup> Stiles,<sup>5</sup> Cephas<sup>5</sup> and Elizabeth.<sup>5</sup>

The widow Abigail Hanks married August 21, 1806, Jacob Howser.

A John Hanks name appears on the tithe lists in 1770. If he was 16 years old or more at this date he must have been born in 1754 or earlier.

If this is the same John Hanks that  
married Abigail he would have been too  
old to have been William Hanks's son.  
He might have been his brother. The  
John Hanks whose name appears on the  
lists of 1770 must have been born before  
1754. If Abigail was about the age of  
John she would have been quite old to  
have married in 1805.

Abigail Hanks was still living in 1829 as the estate of

her second husband, Jacob Howser, paid her \$300.00 in that year.

Cephas Hanks<sup>5</sup> the son of John<sup>4</sup> and Abigail Hanks married Phebe Mock in 1821. If he married at the usual age, he must have been born between 1795 and 1800.

These dates also indicate that John Hanks<sup>4</sup> who married Abigail was younger and consequently not the same as the John, whose name appears on the tithe list in 1770. Also William<sup>3</sup> Hanks in 1814 speaks of his son John's heirs and we know that at this date John, the husband of Abigail was dead and had left heirs.

Nancy Hanks<sup>4</sup> the daughter of William Hanks<sup>3</sup> was born October 4, 1769. She was the twin sister of Rosanna<sup>4</sup> and was born either in AnneArundel County, Md., or Loudoun County, Va.

It is interesting to note that the name Nancy was used in this branch of the Hanks' family 14 or 15 years before. Nancy Hanks, the mother of Abraham Lincoln was born (1783 or 1784.)

On December 20, 1787, at the age of eighteen years Nancy,<sup>4</sup> although unmarried, gave birth to a daughter whom she called Duannah.

More about Duannah Hanks later, giving proof as to her birth, etc.

The name of Duannah's father, is at this time, unknown. Nancy<sup>4</sup> evidently received parental forgiveness for her parents took care of Duannah. After the birth of Duannah, Nancy<sup>4</sup> married twice. Her first husband was Nicholas Schooley of Leesburg. The family of Schooley's were Quakers who came to Loudoun County, Va., from New Jersey. Nicholas may or may not have

been a member of the Society of Friends.

I doubt if Nicholas Schooley was a Quaker. Nancy Hanks<sup>4</sup> certainly was not, especially after the birth of Duannah. If Nicholas was a Quaker, he was more than likely disowned when he married Nancy Hanks.<sup>4</sup>

Nancy Hanks<sup>4</sup> Schooley had two children, twins born in 1793. Their names were Isaac and Sarah. In July 1795 Nicholas Schooley lost his life by falling from a load of grain upon the prongs of a pitch fork. Nicholas and Nancy Hanks<sup>4</sup> Schooley lived in or near Leesburg, Va., until Nicholas died.

Dr. W. J. Lodge is authority for the account of the death of Nicholas Schooley.

Nancy Hanks<sup>4</sup> married December 24, 1799., Robert Akers, her second husband. He was a brother of Ephraim Akers who had married Nancy's sister Rachel<sup>4</sup> fifteen years earlier. Robert and Nancy Hanks<sup>4</sup> Akers moved to Bedford County, Pa. shortly after their marriage. Robert and Nancy Hanks<sup>4</sup> Akers had six children whose births range from 1801 to 1814.

It is interesting to note that the last child, a son, was named Wilson Lee Akers. Why Lee?

Robert and Nancy Hanks<sup>4</sup> Akers are buried in the cemetery at Akersville, Fulton (late Bedford) County, Pa., and I copied from their gravestones the following:-- "Robert Akers - died

Dec. 29, 1838, aged 67 years, 3 mo., 5 days."

"Nancy - wife of Robert Akers - died June 17, 1835

aged 65 years, 8 mo., 13 days."

From this data I calculate that Robert was born Sept. 24, 1771 and that Nancy was born Oct. 4, 1769.

William Hanks<sup>3</sup> in his will provided very liberally for his grand-daughter Duannah Hanks<sup>5</sup>. If it was not for this reference to Duannah, she would likely have been unnoticed. She was not listed with any of the children of William's<sup>3</sup> sons and family tradition said that she was an illegitimate child. A number of student of the Hanks family who have confused Rachel Hanks Wilkinson with Rachel Hanks<sup>4</sup> Akers thought she was the child of Rachel Hanks<sup>4</sup> Akers. Miss Mary Hanks, a great grand-daughter of William Hanks<sup>3</sup> told me on August 11, 1929 that Duannah<sup>4</sup> was the daughter of Nancy Hanks<sup>4</sup>. Mary Hanks at that time was 80 years old. After I was told this by Mary Hanks, I found the will of Duannah Hanks<sup>5</sup>, which is on record in Bedford, Pa., in Will Book 4, page 21. The will was probated May 27, 1850. In this will she provides that after her just debts are paid she leaves to her "half-brother, Isaac Schooley" two hundred dollars. Isaac Schooley was the son of Nancy Hanks<sup>4</sup> by her first marriage, and if he was her half-brother, Nancy<sup>4</sup> must have been her mother.

Nicholas Schooley could not have been her father or she would have been called Duannah Schooley and not Duannah Hanks.

Mrs. Jennie Schooley Hofmann said, "From an old scrap of paper yellow with age, which has been in our family for years:-- Duannah Hanks<sup>5</sup> was born Dec. 20, 1787 in Loudoun County, Va., and died in Bloody Run (now Everett) Pa., May 23, 1850."

Mrs. Hofmann is a great grand-daughter of Nancy Hanks<sup>4</sup> and the quotation above given is from a letter which she wrote to Mrs. Rudolph July 17, 1928.

Robert Akers was the brother of Ephraim Akers and the son of Ralph and Hannah Akers. He was born Sept. 24, 1771. In the census of 1790 Robert Acre is listed as a head of a family with two "Free White Females" in the family. In 1790, Robert Akers and his wife Sarah sold to Abia Akers part of a tract of land called Buckingham, located in Bedford County, Pa. This tract had been purchased by Robert on Feb. 10, 1789. Some question might be raised in regard to these dates. Robert Akers was born Sept. 24, 1771, purchased property on Feb. 10, 1789, when under 18 years of age and married at 19 years of age.

Are the above dates correct, or was there another Robert Akers. If any error exists I believe it is in the dates of birth, which was figured from data I gathered from his gravestone. I may have copied the data incorrectly. Perhaps the lettering was indistinct. This gravestone had better be read again.

On December 24, 1799, Robert Akers married Nancy Hanks.<sup>4</sup> She was evidently his second wife. On June 22, 1796, Robert Akers had issued in his favor a warrant for 412 acres in Bedford County which was surveyed on June 22, 1796. There is no record in Harrisburg of a patent issued to Robert Akers, or to any one else, for this tract of land.

I have a letter written to me under date of November 25, 1928, from Dr. Gonzales Lodge from which I quote:-- "In the record as my father left it I find that Jacob Lodge (born May 31, 1759, died May 9, 1851) married Rosanna Hanks<sup>4</sup> (born Oct. 4, 1770, died July 28, 1893) on Feb. 9, 1786; that this marriage took place in Loudoun County, Va., and that Rosanna Hanks<sup>4</sup> was a daughter of William Hanks<sup>3</sup> of the same county. No further

information is given as to the ancestors of Rosanna Hanks."

Dr. Gonzales Lodge is a son of Dr. W. J. Lodge and is connected with Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York City.

Rosanna<sup>4</sup> was Nancy's<sup>4</sup> twin sister. Jacob and Rosanna Hanks<sup>4</sup> Lodge had eight children whose births range from 1787 to 1806.

Leah Hanks<sup>4</sup>, daughter of William Hanks<sup>3</sup>, was born (most likely) in Loudoun County, Va., She was born on June 23, 1772, and died Sept. 4, 1854.

Dr. W. J. Lodge is authority for the above dates as well as the dates of birth and death of Timothy Hixon, given later. These dates seem to fit with the records of this couple.

Leah Hanks<sup>4</sup> married Timothy Hixon who was, I believe, the son of Timothy Hixon and his first wife. He was born May 1, 1775 and died Jan. 15, 1857.

Leesburg, Va., Will Book K, Page 89.  
The name is spelled Hixon and Hixson.

I found in a Record of Marriages for Loudoun County, Va., at the Court House in Leesburg the following two entries:

Dec. 6, 1796 --- Timothy Hixon married Ester Hough.

March 20, 1797 - Timothy Hixon married Leher Hanks.

I do not know if these two Timothy's were the same and that Leher (Leah) Hanks<sup>4</sup> was his second wife. It is evident that Leah<sup>4</sup> was still living in Loudoun County in 1797, most likely with her father.

From a History of Bedford County, I find that Timothy Hixon came from Virginia about 1790; that he was a blacksmith and farmer;

and that he died in 1857 at the age of 81 years; and that his wife died in 1854 at the age of 83 years.

These dates agree quite closely with the dates of Dr. Lodge. From the date of his marriage and other data given later I do not think he settled in Bedford County before 1797.

On the 27th of March, 1795, Joseph Wilkinson wrote his will and Timothy Hixon, Reuben Hixon and Jeremiah Purdum signed as witnesses. On April 14, 1800, Reuben Hixon and Jeremiah Purdum proved the will on oath at Court. Timothy Hixon had married Leah Hanks<sup>4</sup> in 1797 and had moved to Bedford County, Pa., so was not present to help prove this will.

A James Hixon was located in Bedford County as early as 1774.

Timothy and Leah (Hanks)<sup>4</sup> Hixon had eight children whose births range from 1799 to 1815.

Mary Hanks<sup>4</sup>, daughter of William Hanks<sup>3</sup>, married Samuel Jackson. I do not have any dates in regard to this couple, except that Samuel Jackson attended a sale in Loudoun County, Va., on Nov. 3, 1794, in company with John Hanks. I believe Samuel and Mary (Hanks)<sup>4</sup> Jackson moved to Bedford County, Pa., where they joined Mary's brothers and sisters. They had eight children. I do not have the birth dates of four. Of the dates I have the earliest birth was 1800 and the latest 1814.

Benjamin Hanks<sup>4</sup> was born June 14, 1779, and moved to Bedford County with his father William Hanks<sup>3</sup>. He married in Bedford County, Pa., in Dec. 1803, Rebecca Barton. She was born May 12, 1783 and died Jan. 21, 1875.

Benjamin<sup>4</sup> and Rebecca (Barton) Hanks had twelve children.

Sarah Hanks<sup>4</sup> the youngest child of William Hanks<sup>3</sup> was born Oct. 12, 1781, and married about 1800 James James of Loudoun County, Va. James James was a tanner.

Late in August, 1802, James and Sarah (Hanks)<sup>4</sup> James left Virginia for Bedford County, Pa., Sarah made the entire journey on horseback. They reached the home of her sister Leah Hanks<sup>4</sup> Hixon in Brush Creek Valley, Bedford County, on the evening of Sept. 1, 1802. On the following morning Sarah gave birth to her second child Asa M. James.

James James purchased a farm in the extreme southern end of the valley where he erected a tannery which he operated in connection with farming. Late in life he moved to Athen County, Ohio, where he died and was buried.

Practically all the above about James and Sarah (Hanks) James was secured from records of Dr. W. J. Lodge.

William<sup>2</sup> and Ruth Hanks may or may not have had any children. There have been no records found of any children of this couple, at least not to my knowledge. The foregoing account seem to present some circumstantial evidence that William Hanks (b. 1739) of Bedford County, Pa., was their son.

Rachel Hanks (see page 22) who married Joseph Wilkinson may have been their daughter. This seems to be the only way (at present) to account for Rachel.

John Hanks whose name appears on the tithes list of Loudoun County, Va., in 1770 (see page 26) may have been another son.

Mary Hanks (see page ) says that she remembers hearing her parents speak of a John Hanks, a brother of William Hanks.

There was a Peter Hanks in Rosstravern Township, Bedford, Co., Pa., where he was taxed in 1773.

Penna Archives, 3rd Series, Vol. 22. p. 39.

He is listed as a Ranger on the Frontier (Pa.) in 1778.

Penna. Archives, 3rd Series, Vol. 23, p. 203.

He was also listed as a soldier of the Revolution, Continental Line, from Washington County, Pa.

Penna. Archies, 5th series, vol. 4, p. 711.

Now this Peter Hanks seems to be unaccounted for and could have been the son of William and Ruth Hanks.

In "Frontier Defense on the Upper Ohio" pages 58 to 61 is given the recollections of John Hanks. This book states that John Hanks was born Nov. 29, 1767 in Loudoun County, Md. In his recollections of the siege of Fort Wheeling (1777) he states that his father was with him at that time. He does not give the name of his father.

The book above mentioned was written by  
Thwaites and Kellog and was published  
by the Wisconsin Historical Society.

This John Hanks was only a boy of ten at the time he was at Fort Wheeling. He had moved to Redstone, Pa., on the Monongahela River at the age of seven. His recollections as to the place of his birth must have been confused. He no doubt knew that he had been born in Maryland and he also knew that his early childhood days were spent in Loudoun County, Va., so he gave his place of birth as Loudoun County, Maryland. If he was born in Maryland and then went to Loudoun County, Va., he was likely a grandson of William<sup>2</sup> and Ruth Hanks.

Who was this John Hanks' father? Was  
John Hanks whose name was on the Loudoun  
County, Va., tithes list in 1770, his  
father? Was Peter Hanks the Penna. Ranger  
in 1773 his father?

Baughman, V

Hanks Family

Berkshire, Mass.  
April 22/30

Dr. Louis A. Warren,  
St. Wayne, Ind.

Dear Sir:

In a letter which I have just received from a Hanks kinswoman - Mrs. Jennie Schooley Holman, of Tampa Florida - I hear of your little paper, "Lincoln Love," and I should like to know how I may get it.

My great grandmother's father was Mary Hanks - a sister of Nancy Hanks who married Nicholas Schooley



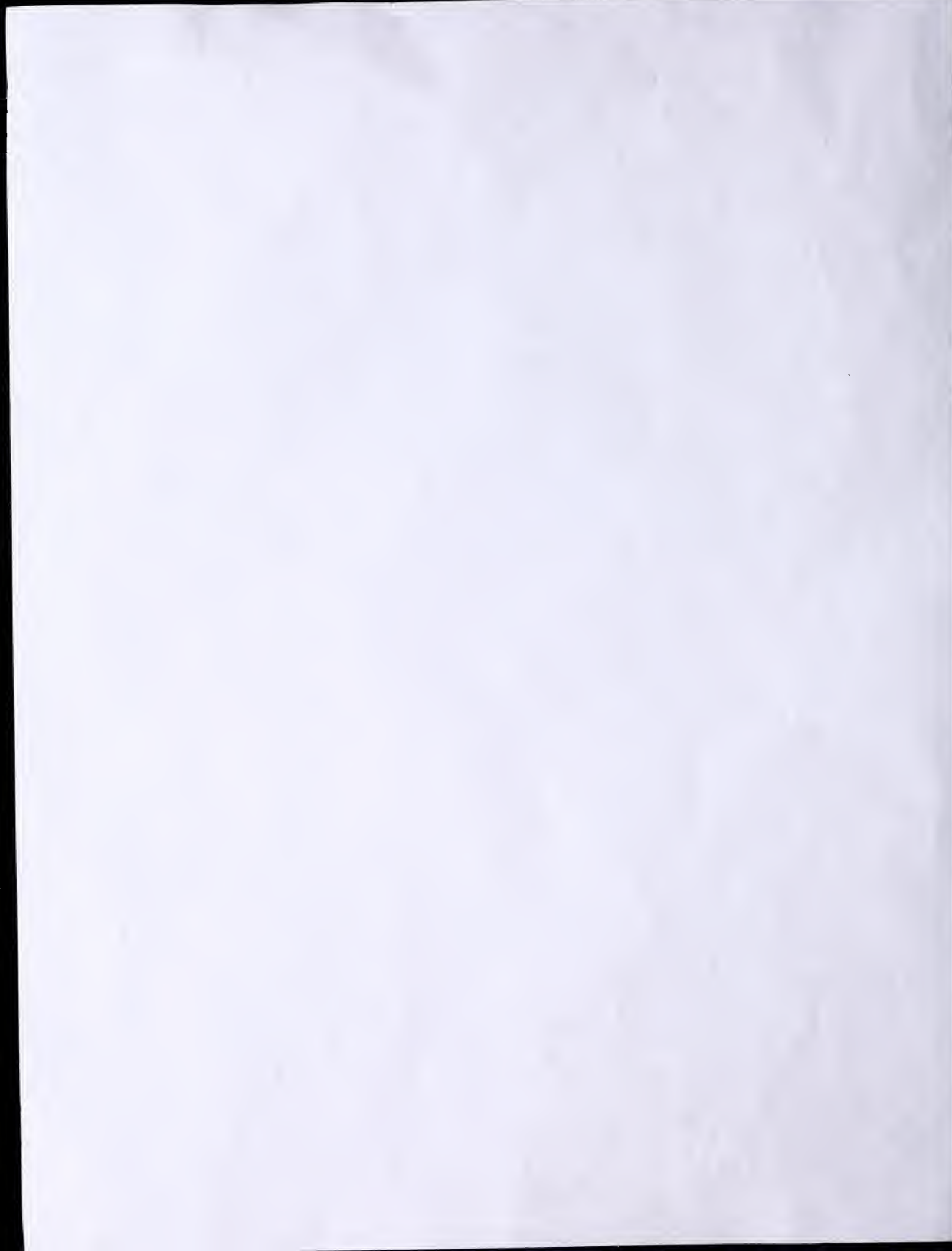
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- Mrs. Hoffman's progenitor.

I have some correspondence from Dr. Lodge who was descended from two of my great-grandmothers Jackson's sisters.

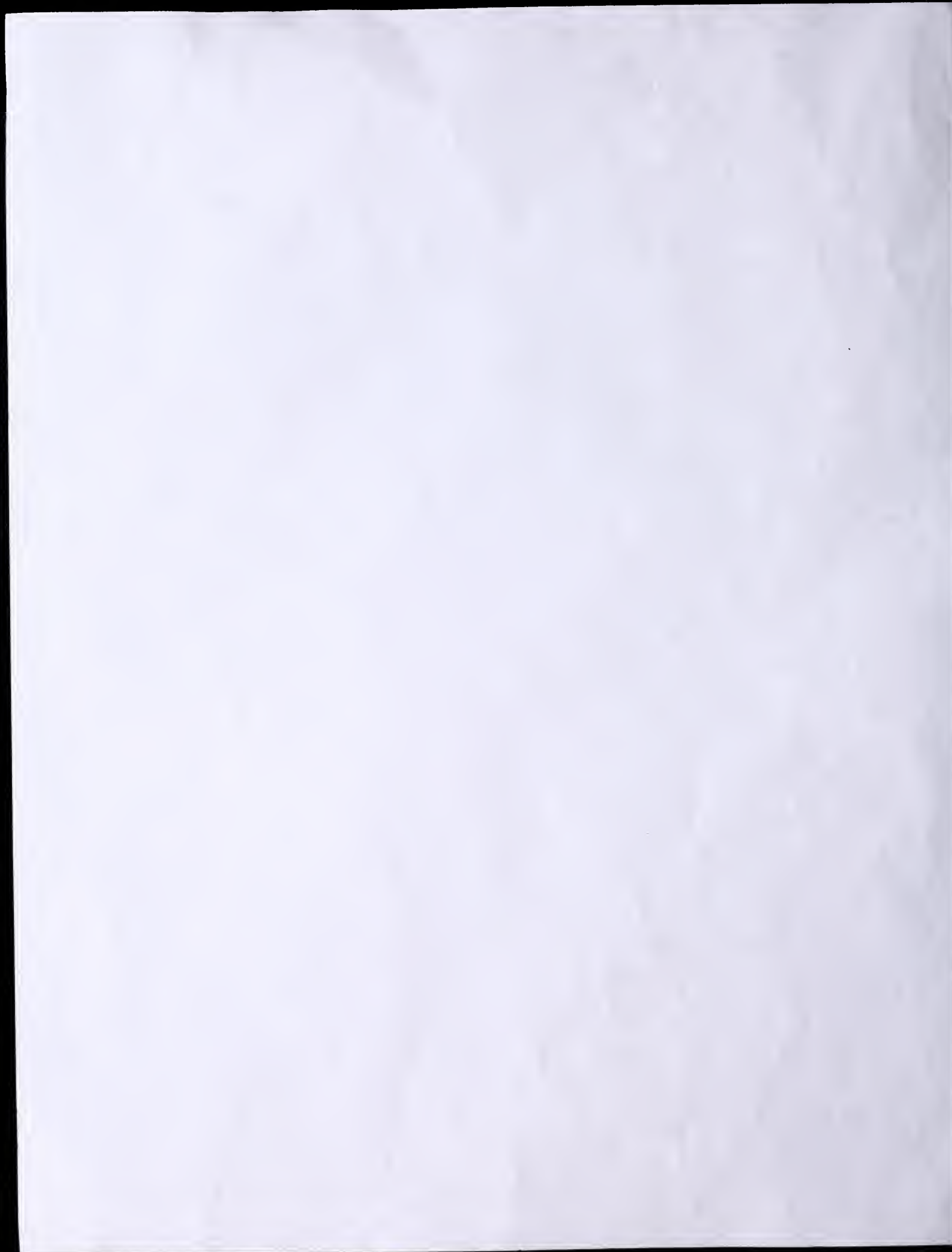
- Rosanna, married to Jacob Lodge, and Nancy Scholey.

I was to have had more material from him - especially a copy of the will of William Hanks - my great-grandfather. But the doctor was in very poor health when I got what I have and he died before he had opportunity to write me, further.

He did send me, however, a very interesting document - the will of Peter Hanks - my great, great, great grandfather.



This Will was <sup>3</sup> probated at Annapolis, Maryland, July 24, 1733 - when Washington was one year old! You probably have this and more ~~probably~~ - and I shall be very glad to have more material, and to compare what I got from various sources, with what others have. I have not been able to get the Lee connection. One of my cousins wrote me that a Mr. Barton had an article on that subject in a "Good Housekeeping" but she did not remember the number. One of my Great-grandmothers Jackson's sisters married a Barton and I hope to make connection with 'one, to



get the Barton<sup>4</sup> line. My mother's  
brother Samuel married Peter Barton's  
daughter Emma.

Hoping to hear from you  
at your earliest convenience, I am,

Very truly yours,

Miss M. Virginia Baughman.

P. S. Virginia for my grandmother's  
birthplace. The M. is for Mary.  
When I was in Washington, D. C.,  
in 1917, I met Mrs. Belle Vedder  
Gordon - of Hanks lineage - and had  
the loan of her Hanks history. I also  
saw another history at the Congressional  
Library.

April 26, 1930

Miss M. Virginia Baughman  
Berkshire, Massachusetts

My dear Miss Baughman:

We are very glad indeed to place your name upon our mailing list for Lincoln Lore, the weekly publication of this Foundation.

There is no charge whatever for this service and I am pleased to enclose some of the back numbers which deal with the Hanks family.

The current issue will also touch upon the question of Lincoln's maternity and a copy in the near future will give a brief review of your own branch of the family.

I hope some day we may be able to publish a Hanks genealogy which will take care of all of the branches of the Hanks family.

Respectfully yours,

LAW:VL  
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Director,  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation.

Boughton, V.

Berkshire, Mass.  
May 27, 30

Erin J. Warren Esq.  
St. Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Sir: I wish to  
Thank you for the  
inclosed articles  
which you so kindly  
send me. All the  
material is interesting  
for several reasons.

And although I do  
not understand where  
a connection with his  
mother and my Aunt



Great grandfather  
- William Hanks - comes  
in. There are certain  
common family names  
and characteristics.  
Our family had many  
Nancys. One of Mother's  
Hanks cousins looked  
very much like Lincoln.  
Add the spiritual qual-  
ity in Lincoln's mother  
was a marked character-  
istic of our Hanks women.

I shall be very much  
interested in the account  
of our branch which you  
are soon to publish. I  
have only what Dr. Lodge



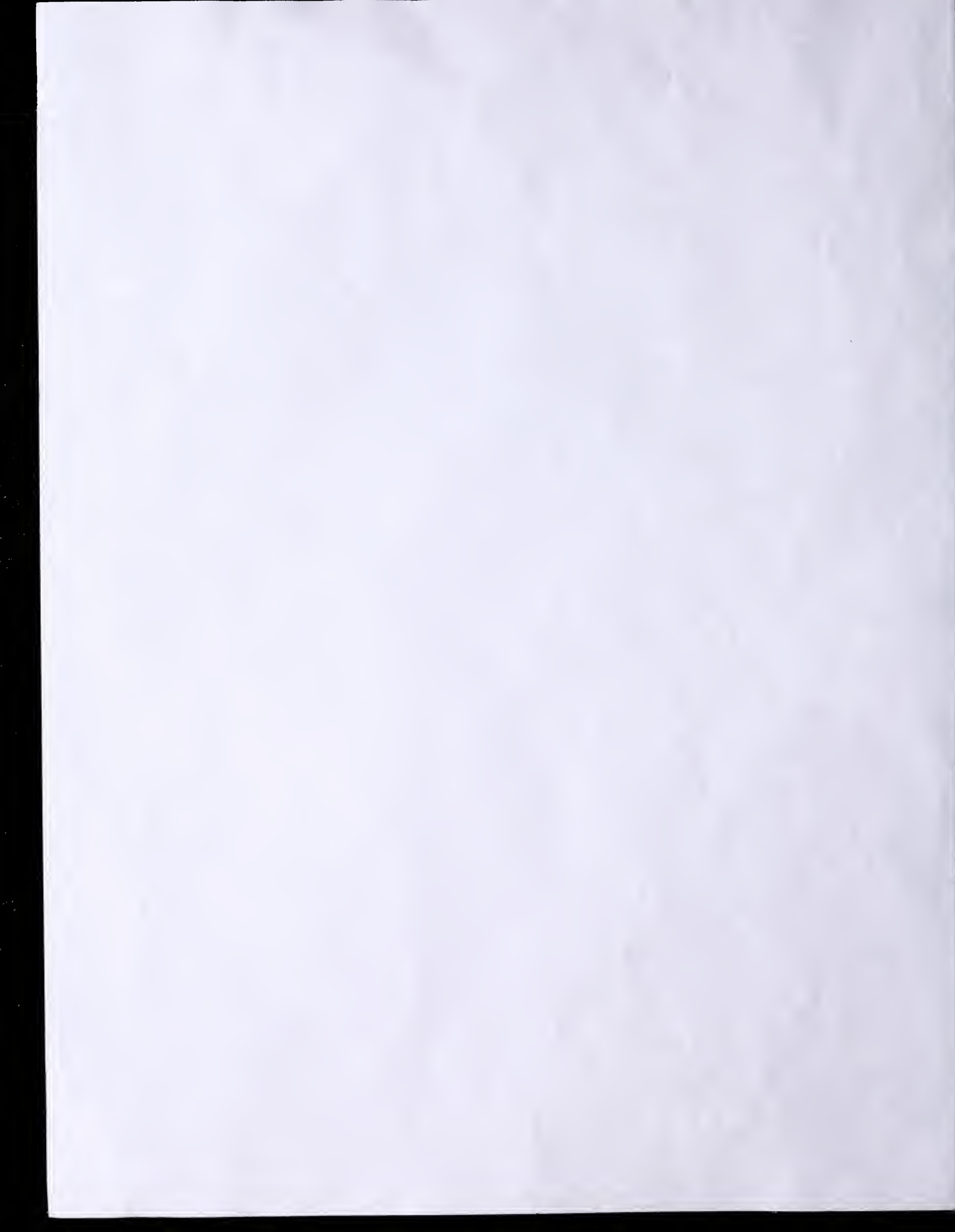
gave me and what I know of my  
grandmother's, my mother's, and my  
own generation.

Mrs. Gordon, of Wash-  
ington, D. C. had her line distinctly  
traced to Lincoln's mother, she said.  
She was a western woman, sister  
of Elihu Vedder, and a very interesting  
person. She may be living, now. I  
have not kept up our correspondence.

Again thanking you, I am,

Very truly yours,

Miss M. Virginia Baughman.



I bear the name "Virginia" be-  
cause of my antecedents from that  
State.

Baughman, Virginia

Berkshire Mass.,  
April 23<sup>rd</sup>,

My dear Dr. Warren:

I Thank you for  
the invitation to remain  
on Lincoln Lore's mailing  
list. I shall appreciate  
the courtesy, very much.

Can you tell me how  
I can get in touch with  
the person who is writing  
the history of our branch  
of The Hanks family? I  
have heard of a very inter-  
esting article on the Lee-  
confusion with our Jack-  
son and Hanks forebears

by Dr. Barton, in Good Housekeeping, but I have not been able to make connection with that magazine. I will try the publishers, I think. I have some correspondence by Wilson Lee Akers - my grandmother's cousin.

Dr. Lodge - brother's cousin mentions the Lee connection, but does not say how, or where, it comes in. From what I know of the characteristics of Great-great-grandfather William Hanks' daughters I should think they were

<sup>3</sup>  
closely related. Besides  
the name, Nancy, occurs  
in practically every genera-  
tion of those Hanks descend-  
ants.

But, This will not in-  
terest you, especially and  
I beg your pardon. I love  
of the 70's are apt to be tire-  
some.

Thanking you, most  
sincerely, for Lincoln. Love

I am, Very truly yours,  
(Miss) M. Virginia Baughman

April 29, 1931  
Diet. April 28

Miss M. Virginia Baughman  
Berkshire, Massachusetts

My dear Miss Baughman:

Certainly I am interested in anything that pertains to the history of the Hanks family and I do not know of anyone else who is doing any special work on the Lincoln branch of the family except myself. I should like very much to learn something of the correspondence you have by Wilson Lee Akers, your grandmother's cousin.

Someday I hope all of these family relations will be straightened out.

We will be very glad to keep on sending you Lincoln Lore.

Respectfully yours,

Director  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

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L. A. Warren

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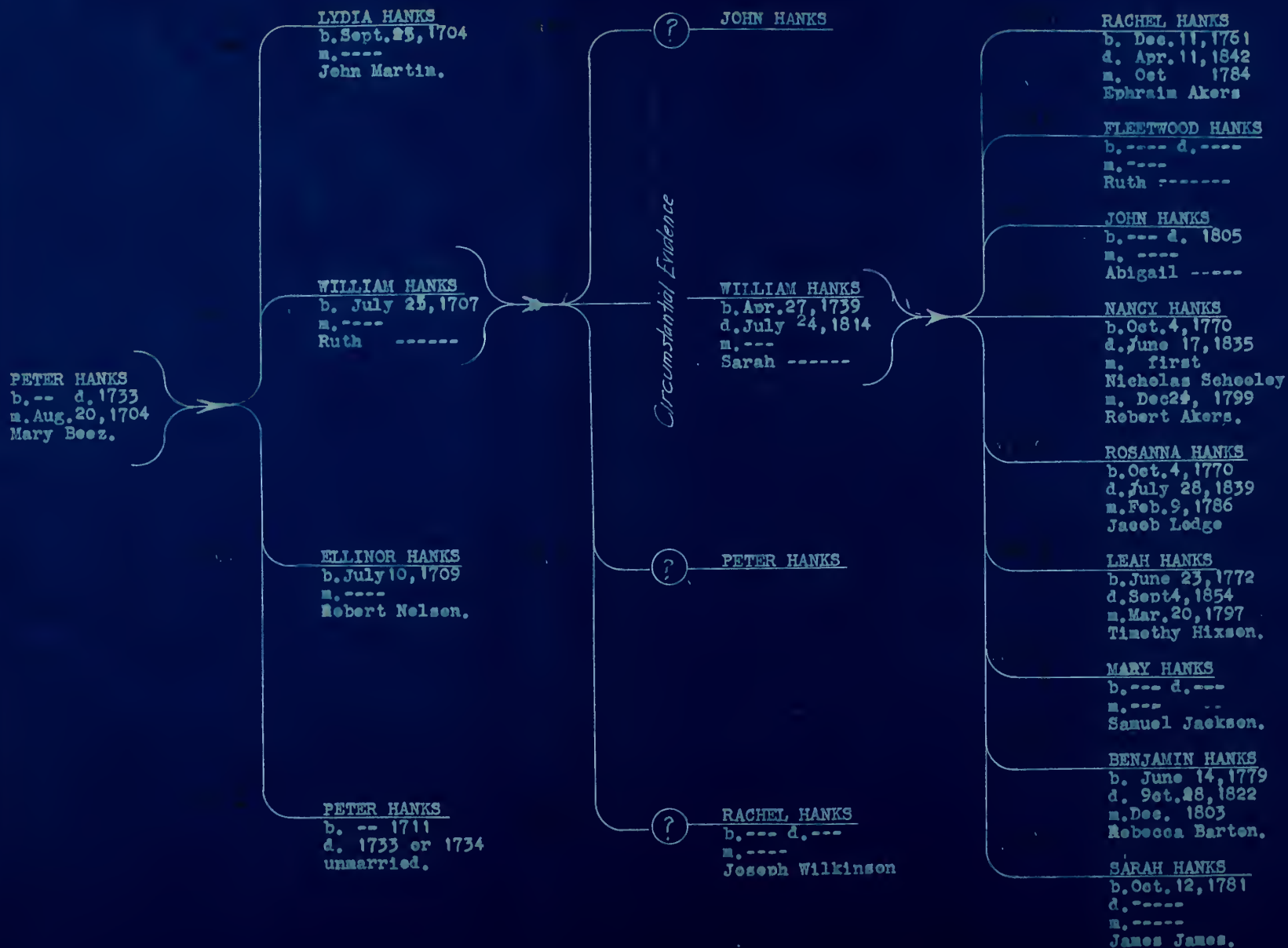
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2B6h Benjamin (1734-1824) Boston, Mass. Sanford County, N. H.

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William Hawks (William, Peter.) <sup>Line back of Peter uncertain. Is "said to be" "Luke-Luke."</sup>  
B. April 27-1739 Ann Arundel Co. Md.  
D. July 24-1814

M. Sarah Ralph {b. 1734. d. May 25-1804}  
Became a Friend. <sup>no place designated.</sup>  
Admitted to West River Meeting 1756. (where is this? Ann Arundel Co. Md.)  
Transferred to Fairfax Meeting-Loudoun Co. - Va. 1764  
Moved to Bedford Co. Va. 1785.  
Children.

Rachel - married an "Outsider" Ephraim Akers - 1792  
Leah - m. Timothy Hixon.

Twins { Nancy m. Nicholas Schooley had 2 children Isaac & Sarah  
Rosanna } b. Oct. 4-1770 = m. Robt. Akers for 2<sup>nd</sup> husband  
Loranna (?) m. Jacob Lodge.

Mary - m. Saml. Jackson.

Sarah - b. Oct. 12-1781 m. James James (?)

John - moved to James River neighborhood and finally to Kentucky.  
Fleetwood Is said by family tradition to have followed his uncle to Ky.  
(Is this the same Fleetwood who appears in Bedford Co. Ky. 1797? G.P.W.)

Benjamin

Note

A Thorough Search of Loudoun Co. Records would perhaps yield some convincing evidence of what became of Joseph the traditional older brother of William above.

The above William (son of Wm. son of Peter) was gr. gr. grandfather of Jennie Schooley Hoffman who sent records to Mrs. Rudolph.

## Rachel Hanks ?

5. 27-1782 - committee visited her for Faneys meeting,  
John Schooley on committee.
6. 22-1782 - Review with Faneys meeting
- 2-25-1792 - Rachel Wilkins <sup>for</sup> Rachel Hanks for out pass  
in marriage lived in disrespectful manner before.
- 3-24-1793 - Dismissed against her
- 4-28-1792 - Dismissed from meeting.

Family tradition has it that Rachel had  
a sister Leah and that Rachel & Leah were first cousins  
of Nancy Hanks with a brother Lemuel — a brother of William  
must have been father of Nancy.

John Hanks

- 5 - 3 - 1783 (1) John Hanks requests to be joined as members
- 11 - 29 - 1783 - (4) committee sent to see John Hanks and  
judge whether or not he should be received. note  
the Worcester Run meeting he is received.
- 7 - 5 - 1783 - (2) case continues.
- 8 - 2 - 1783 - (3) case continues
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William Hanks

1756

7-29-1763

=

admitted to West River meeting

Herring Creek in Anne Arundel Co. had  
a member there at that time.

8-26-1763

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West River meets in Anne Arundel Co. had  
order certifies of membership forwarded  
to William Hanks. To Fairfax County of Va

10-27-1764

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Wm Hanks produced certificate from West River  
to Fairfax monthly meeting Loudoun Co, Va.

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